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Four Couples From Mississippi Among 27 Missionaries Appointed By FMB

HMB Names Eight New Missionaries

ATLANTA (BP) — The board of directors of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board appointed eight new missionaries and missionary associates, and promoted five missionary associates to full missionary status during their April meeting here.

The new appointees join a mission force of more than 2,200 serving throughout all 50 states, Panama, and Puerto Rico. Most of the new appointments were made in cooperation with the state conventions where the workers were assigned.

Missionaries John and Marilyn Dent serve in Santee Baptist Association, in South Carolina, where he is superintendent of missions.

Also appointed superintendent of mission, Bill Murray and his wife Elvenor, career missionaries, serve in Scioto Valley and Muskingum Valley Baptist Associations in Ohio. Helen Shoemaker, a Southwestern Seminary graduate, was appointed missionary to serve as director of Indian youth ministries in Albuquerque, N. M.

Former missionary associates serving in Coronado Baptist Center, Coronado, Calif., James and Beverly Roamer were promoted to missionary status, serving as pastor - director of the center. Natives of Hungary, John and Martha Hunter were appointed as missionary associates to serve among fellow Hungarians in San Francisco, Calif.

Missionary associates C. M. and Martha Lawrence serve in Anchorage, Alaska, where he is state director of Christian social ministries. A student at Midwestern Baptist Seminary in Kansas City, Mo., Maurice (Continued on page 3)

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Supreme Court Hears Five Major Parochial Cases

WASHINGTON (BP) — A major battle in the war for and against public aid to parochial schools was fought before the U. S. Supreme Court here in a three and one-half hour legal debate involving five cases from two states.

At issue were questions involving state maintenance and upkeep for nonpublic schools, tax remissions to parents paying tuition in nonpublic schools, income tax deductions for tuition paid to nonpublic schools, and direct payments to parents with children in nonpublic schools.

Three of the cases arose in court tests of a 1972 New York law and two of the cases came from contests over a 1972 Pennsylvania law.

The New York cases are PEARL v. Nyquist, Anderson v. PEARL, and Cherry v. PEARL. (PEARL is the N. Y. Committee on Public Education and Religious Liberty, a broad coalition of civil liberty and church-related organizations.)

The Pennsylvania cases are Sloan v. Lemon and Crouter v. Lemon.

So important did the Supreme Court consider these cases that it allotted two hours to the New York cases and one and one-half hours to the Pennsylvania cases. In addition, the court heard the cases side-by-side and, contrary to its traditions, extended the time 30 minutes beyond the

normal adjournment hour.

Some of the biggest names in church - state litigation in recent years faced each other during this lengthy Supreme Court hearing. For the states and arguing for public aid to nonpublic schools were Mrs. Jean M. Coon, assistant solicitor general of New York, and Israel Packel, attorney general for Pennsylvania.

Facing each other on opposite sides were two of the best known church - state attorneys in private practice. Leo Pfeffer, a New York attorney, represented PEARL. William B. Ball, a noted Catholic Philadelphia lawyer, took the side of the parochial schools.

Others in the cases were John F. Haggerty and Peter M. Chandler, New York private attorneys who took the side of the private schools. Pennsylvania private attorneys, Theodore R. Mann and Henry T. Reath, also participated.

At stake in these cases are not only New York and Pennsylvania laws to aid parochial schools but also Presi-

dent Nixon's proposals for tax credits to aid the nation's private schools.

Pending before the House Committee on Ways and Means in the U. S. Congress are tax reform proposals granting tax credits to aid parochial schools. Similar proposals in many of the states await the decision of the Supreme Court which probably will come toward the end of June at the close of the current term of the court.

Not unrelated to the cases are the concerns of many throughout the nation who are establishing private schools in a revolt against public schools and in an effort to avoid desegregation orders of the courts. If a court - approved method of giving public aid to private schools can be established, it is anticipated that the private school movement will develop faster.

The New York law at issue provides:

1. Maintenance and upkeep of nonpublic schools in order to protect the health and safety of the students;
2. Tax remissions to parents with a gross taxable income of less than \$5,000 who paid tuition, to nonpublic schools, and

Mobile, Ala. — Four couples, either natives of the state or with Mississippi backgrounds, were among the 27 missionaries appointed here April 10 during a meeting of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

Rev. and Mrs. Steven P. Hicks of New Orleans expect to be assigned to Mexico, where he will teach theology.

Hicks, pastor of Crosby (Miss.) Baptist Church for 3½ years, is also a fellow at New Orleans Baptist Seminary. He expects to receive the doctor of theology degree there in August.

A native of Madisonville, La., he attended Pearl River Junior College, Poplarville, Miss., and was graduated from Southeastern Louisiana University, Hammond.

In 1967, four years after becoming a Christian, Hicks felt God was calling him into the ministry. Resigning from his engineering position in New Orleans, he enrolled at New Orleans Seminary. He received the master of theology degree there in 1970, and began work on his doctorate.

Mrs. Hicks is the former Minnie Greer of Poplarville, Miss. She, too, attended Pearl River Junior College, where she and Steven Hicks met. She was graduated from the University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, with the bachelor of science degree in home economics education.

She taught home economics for a year near Covington, La., and she has taught homemaking in New Orleans for seven years. The couple's two children are Jeanne, 10, and Steven, 8.

Rev. and Mrs. Tommy H. Marlowe of Wesson, Miss., expect to be assigned to Togo, West Africa, where he will do evangelistic work.

Marlowe, pastor of Philadelphia Baptist Church, Wesson, also teaches social studies at a local high school and is a U. S. Army National Guard chaplain.

A native of Shreveport, La., he is a graduate of East Texas Baptist College, Marshall, and he received the master of theology degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

After serving two years in the U. S. Marine Corps, Marlowe held pastorates in Mira, La., and Jefferson, Manvel and Atlanta, Tex., while attending college. He assumed the Wesson pastorate while studying at New Orleans Seminary.

Mrs. Marlowe, the former Charlotte Flanagan, is also from Shreveport. She has been studying at Whitworth College, Brookhaven, Miss., since early last year and expects to complete the hours required for missionary wives in May.

Mr. and Mrs. Marlowe have four children — Tammy, 12, Sharon, 9, Sheila, 3, and Tommy, 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Sims of (Continued on page 2)

Gains, Losses Listed In '73 Yearbook

By Elliott Wright
Religious News Service Staff Writer
NEW YORK (RNS) — The percentage of the American people having religious affiliation dropped in 1972 to 62.4, an 0.8 per cent decrease from the previous year, according to new data released here by the National Council of Churches.

A total of 131,398,642 members of U. S. churches and synagogues is reported in the 1972 Yearbook of the American and Canadian Churches, compiled by the National Council.

This total would seem to be 343,689 more than cited in the 1972 Yearbook. But there are many variables which must be taken into account in comparing and evaluating the figures. The new percentage is the same as 1970 and it is not keeping pace with the 1.0 per cent population growth registered in 1971.

(Of the total, 71,865,190 are listed as "Protestant" (including Latter-day Saints and others not "Protestant" in a strict sense.) Roman Catholics are placed at 48,390,980 (a figure taken from the 1972 Official Catholic Directory.) Jews are said to number 5,870,000, and Eastern Orthodox 3,847,901.

While the Yearbook of the Churches is the only annual which attempts to keep up with total religious affiliation and percentages of membership, its figures are not considered conclusive or adequate for reflecting the U. S. religious scene.

Various groups use different ways of counting. Constant H. Jaquet, Jr., editor of the publication, noted that Catholics count children. Most Protestants count only confirmed youths and adults.

Another difficulty is that the same number of groups do not report each year, and some denominational figures are quite old. The 1972 tabulation showed 236 groups with 131,045,953 members. The 1973 Yearbook includes information from only 223 groups, reaching the 13,398,642 level.

The 343,689 increase between 1972 and 1973 suggests some growth, since fewer Churches reported in the latter year. Yet that figure is actually the difference between totals of groups reporting more than indication of a trend. The 1973 Yearbook statistics come chiefly from the calendar years 1970 and 1971. Few 1972 tabulations appear.

According to the National Council of Churches, taking the variables into account, membership by and large remains at the standstill, as it has for several years.

Few trends can be deduced from (Continued on page 3)

Waterways Experiment Station

Mississippi College Secures 220 Acres

Expanded research and recreational opportunities for Mississippi College received a real boost April 20 as the college secured 220 acres of the Waterways Experiment Station.

Mr. Sol Elson, director of Surplus Property Utilization, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration, Department of Health, Education and Welfare, Washington, D. C., presented the deed to the property to Dr. Lewis Nobles, college president.

The transfer of the deed culminated several years of negotiation between

the two parties following declaration of the Experiment Station property as surplus.

Mr. Elson praised the planned use of the land by the college and expressed pleasure that his department could convey the property to such a growing institution as Mississippi College. He said the WES site was just part of some \$44½ million which his department had transferred to educational institutions.

Colonel Ernest D. Peixotto, director of the Waterways Experiment Station in Vicksburg, said, "No finer use could be found for this property than to turn it over to a fine educational

institution like Mississippi College." The Colonel has a daughter currently enrolled at the college.

He traced the history of the property, indicating it was used as a prisoner of war camp for German soldiers during the 1940's. The prisoners helped landscape the area.

Col. Peixotto said the Mississippi

River Basin Model, not included in the transfer, was currently being used 24 hours a day to study the flood situation existing on the Mississippi River and its tributaries.

Leonard A. Sheppard, Regional Commissioner, Property Management and Disposal Service, General Services Administration, Atlanta, Ga., explained the transfer.

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Children's Village Makes Annual Mother's Day Appeal For Funds

The Christian child care ministry of Mississippi Baptists at The Baptist Children's Village is currently engaged in its annual emphasis - Caring Christian Home Week and at Mother's Day.

In 1973, Christian Home Week will be observed by Southern Baptists from Sunday, May 6 through Sunday, May 13 and the traditional observance of Mother's Day in America has been fixed for Sunday, May 13, 1973.

The administration at The Children's Village has again invited the attention of local Baptist Churches in Mississippi to the fact that Christian Home Week is the period of time sanctioned and suggested by Mississippi State Convention for mission emphasis upon Christian child care

and the work of the Village with neglected and dependent children, in particular.

Mother's Day, May 13, is the Convention - approved and suggested date for cash gifts by organized, local Baptist churches in support of the operating expenses of the Mississippi Baptist child care agency.

Village trustees and staff have again reminded friends of children that the Mother's Day appeal represents the only time during the year when the Children's Village may ask organized churches for cash support.

According to the annual announcement, The Children's Village remains dependent upon designated, cash gifts for at least 68 percent of its mini- (Continued on page 2)



Nancy Chamberlain



Barry Noland Morris



Mrs. Morris



Tom Hearon



Donna Lynne Keyes

FMB Includes Five Mississippians

83 Journeyman Trainees Appointed

MOBILE, Ala. — Eighty-three young Baptists have been approved by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board for training as missionary journeyman. Their employment came during a business session of the board here April 10.

Following completion of a seven-week training course this summer at Meredith College, Raleigh, N. C., the young people will be commissioned for journeyman service July 27 in Richmond, Va.

They will serve two-year terms as teachers, laboratory and medical technologists, nurses, student workers, physical therapists, youth and music workers, secretaries, student center and other kinds of work.

As journeyman, they will join Southern Baptist missionary staffs in 31 countries.

Eight of the journeyman are slated to go to Kenya.

A lesser number will go to Ghana, Hong Kong, Korea, Tanzania, Viet-

nam, Peru, Philippines, Liberia, Malawi, Mexico, Rhodesia and Thailand.

Other journeyman are assigned to each of the following countries: Argentina, Colombia, Ecuador, Guadeloupe, Guatemala, Israel, Japan, Taiwan and Zambia, Brazil, Ethiopia, Gaza, Guam, Ivory Coast, Lebanon, Senegal, Switzerland, and Venezuela.

Two of the journeyman are natives (Continued on page 3)

Jim Newton Joins Brotherhood Staff

MEMPHIS (BP) — Jim Newton, 37-year-old assistant director of Baptist Press, national news service of Southern Baptists, will join the Brotherhood Commission here as director of communications for the Baptist Men's Division beginning June 25.

The Commission's Executive Committee approved the employment of Newton at their quarterly meeting here upon the recommendation of Glendon McCullough, executive director.

McCullough called Newton's appointment a major step in his strategy to communicate the vast array of challenging opportunities for Southern Baptist lay people to share their faith through mission support, mission action, lay ministries and lay renewal.

As director of communications, Newton will edit Baptist Men's Journal (Continued on page 3)



Miss Marian Leavell, hostess in Stevens Dormitory, pictured with Mrs. James Foster, missionary to The Philippines, and Mrs. Charles Whitten, missionary to Spain.



The Acteens Choir, composed of Acteens from Baldwin and Bissell churches, presented special music at each of the sessions during the weekend.



Registration at the Acteens Gathering. Pictured are Acteens from New Albany, standing, and seated, left to right—Sandra Perez, student from Puerto Rico; Mrs. Barbara Taylor; Mrs. Marjean Patterson, both of the WMU Staff, Jackson.



Sharing in the fun of the weekend are two Acteens, seated on the counter. Pictured with them are, left to right, Miss Marjean Patterson; Mrs. Hilda Hill, Dean of Women, Blue Mountain College; Mrs. Barbara Taylor; and Mrs. Bobby Smith, Saltillo, music director for the weekend.



Miss Jonnie Armstrong, Physical Education director at the college, directs the Party Time. The students seem to be having a wonderful time during this feature of the event.

190 Acteens Gather At Blue Mountain

By Barbara Taylor

When 190 Acteens from north Mississippi churches arrived at Blue Mountain College on Friday afternoon, April 13, the North Mississippi Acteens Gathering was in full—and lively—swing!

What started out as "spending the night in the dorm at Blue Mountain" turned into a huge "slumber party;" for in order to accommodate the large group, two extra mattresses were placed on the floor of each dorm room—and each room was full or over-flowing with enthusiastic acteens.

On Friday evening the group gathered in The Galry and the meeting was begun as Mrs. Bobby Smith from Saltillo led the group in a period of singing.

An Acteens Choir, composed of girls from Baldwin and Bissell churches, presented special music at each of the sessions during the weekend.

Following the music the group enjoyed a delightful informal presentation by Mrs. Charles Whitten, missionary to Spain, and Mrs. James Foster, missionary to The Philippines.

These two ladies, graduates of Blue Mountain, and roommates while attending Blue Mountain, shared memories of their college days—the fun times and the pranks (that even missionaries—to-be can take part in!)—the spiritual life of Blue Mountain—the warmth and fellowship one finds on the campus.

Following the presentation by these missionaries, a singing group from Blue Mountain, The Image, presented a musical concert of popular songs.

A Party Time, conducted by Miss Jonnie Armstrong, Physical Education Director at the college, was very lively and lots of fun for Acteens and leaders alike. Refreshments were served and the girls went to the dorm to make even more new friends as they met Acteens from neighboring churches in north Mississippi.

On Saturday morning, Mrs. James Foster shared information about the work which she and her family do in The Philippines. The needs of the people, the many opportunities of working with them, the rewarding experiences of sharing Christ in The Philippines were told. Curious and

costumes from her country were shown and the significance of each was told to the group.

Following Mrs. Foster's presentation, each girl selected an activity group to work with, and each group completed a different project. Included in the activities were: designing a poster depicting various vocations of the Home and Foreign Mission Boards; writing a letter to a foreign missionary; composing and singing a song about Acteens; presenting the prayer calendar in an interesting way; tracing the steps in missionary appointment. Creativity was demonstrated in each of the groups, and much was learned as they shared the information gathered or the ideas formulated in each of the groups.

After the girls in each group shared their findings, Mrs. Whitten and Mrs. Foster related experiences in which they had felt the power of prayer of people around the world—and they emphasized the importance of and their personal dependence on prayers for them as they serve on the mission field.

Several student summer missionaries from Blue Mountain told the

Acteens about their summer plans for mission work. Representing the college as student summer missionaries in various places of mission service this summer will be: Joy Hurt, Joy Goudy, Wanda Weatherly, and Cheryl Owen. These young ladies shared their reasons for wanting to do mission work, their anticipations of types of work they will be doing, and their desire to serve the Lord in whatever ways they had opportunity.

Faviola Fonseca from Ecuador, and Sandra Perez from Puerto Rico, both Blue Mountain students, gave the events in their lives which led them to the United States and specifically to Blue Mountain College. Each girl plans to return to her native country after graduation to work with her people.

Following the panel of students, Mrs. Charles Whitten told about her beautiful country of Spain and of the need for sharing Christ with the Spanish people. The conference was closed as Mrs. Whitten urged the Acteens to realize that, as the Acteens song states, "we are a part of something great... our God has put us here... This Is Our Day."

Flood-Stricken Baptist Families Can Be Helped By Gifts Through State Board

Mississippi Baptists are genuinely concerned about the many families that have suffered personal loss in connection with the unusual flood conditions that have so seriously affected a large section of our State. We know about some of our Churches that have been seriously damaged; there may be others about which we do not know.

Pastors who are faced with immediate problems associated with family losses and housing problems and who are in need of financial help are urged immediately to contact the Executive Secretary-Treasurer's office at the Baptist Building in Jackson.

Congregations facing critical financial situations incident to flood-damaged buildings and properties likewise should advise our offices. We will not be able to assume the full load but the Disaster Relief division of the Home Mission Board joins our Convention in providing as much relief as is possible.

Individuals and congregations desiring to share in this responsibility should send their gifts immediately to the Convention Board office, P.O. Box 530, Jackson, Mississippi, 39205. All donations should be marked "Flood Relief." Pastors are urged immediately to afford their people and opportunity to share in this effort to help.

W. Douglas Hudgins,
Executive Secretary-Treasurer
Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Children's Village Makes Annual Mother's Day Appeal

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mum, operating needs, and the major share of these designated gifts should be contributed at Mother's Day through the churches.

According to Village records, approximately 25 percent of budget needs was received by the Children's Village in response to the 1972 appeal.

In its annual accounting for Christian Home Week, the Village staff has revealed that slightly more than 300 different neglected and dependent Mississippi boys and girls have become the responsibility of the Mississippi Baptist child care agency and received care and services from the Village since Mother's Day of 1972, with 183 children under care at the time of this release.

Nine different young men and women who are products of Village care and who remain the custodial and financial responsibility of the Children's Village are enrolled for study at various Mississippi colleges and Universities, with all children of public school age attending the public schools of nearby Clinton, Mississippi.

In church membership and attendance, the boys and girls are divided among the congregations of First Baptist Church, Calvary Baptist and Parkway Baptist churches, all of Jackson, and it is reported that more than 50 Village residents have made professions of faith and united with one of these churches since Christian Home Week of 1972.

The Children's Village operates a large, campus group-care facility on Flag Chapel Drive at the Northwest corporate limits of Jackson, which is described by many knowledgeable child care professionals as one of the more attractive and efficient child care plants in the Southern Baptist Convention. In addition, the Village maintains a "satellite home" in New Albany, Mississippi, staffed by trained Village personnel, populated with Village wards and supervised by

a graduate, social caseworker. The Village also continues to operate its own system of foster homes, which are private, Mississippi Baptist homes in which one or more Village children receive superior private care under the supervision of Village staff personnel and through written agreement with the Village administration. A supportive ministry is offered to children and families in state of crisis through professional and clinical social case work and psychological counseling and treatment in an effort to assist those families in keeping their homes together to the end that the children from these families may not need to be placed outside the natural home.

The Baptist Children's Village is one of the older Southern Baptist child care agencies, having commemorated its 75th or "diamond" anniversary in Jackson, Mississippi on May 12, 1972. Village records reveal that many thousands of orphans and neglected and dependent children from Mississippi have been assisted toward stable and secure Christian citizenship in the course of the long and honored history of this agency. The Village is an official agency of Mississippi Baptist Convention and participates in Cooperative Program allocations to the extent of approximately 25% of its current and minimum operating needs.

In commenting upon Baptist child care in Mississippi and the needs of the Children's Village at Mother's Day, Village Executive Director, Dr. J. B. Nunnery has stated:

"We need the financial support of Mississippi Baptist churches as never before. We are humbly grateful to be a part of our Convention's worldwide ministry of missions. We are deeply moved and gratefully encouraged by the unselfishness and compassionate spirit manifested by the local churches in our support, particularly during the last three years which have measured so much progress for us."

\$25,000 Given Christian Life Commission For Distribution Of Pinson's Book

NASHVILLE — The Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention has received \$25,000 from First Church, Knoxville, Tennessee. The gift completes the total amount needed to enable the commission to distribute free to all Southern Baptist pastors a book about the local church's role in applying the gospel in daily life.

Charles A. Trentham, pastor of the Knoxville church, explained that the funds were made possible by a bequest to the church from the estate of Miss Vesta Jett. The bequest's only stipulation was that it be used for missions.

The contribution is the largest designated gift the commission ever has received, Foy Valentine, executive secretary of the commission, said.

Valentine commented that the gift will enable the commission to publish a book by William M. Pinson, Jr., professor of Christian ethics at South-

western Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas.

The book was prepared under the sponsorship and direction of the Christian Life Commission and deals with "The Application of the Gospel: Suggestions for Christian Social Action in a Local Church."

Revival Dates

McLaurin Heights Church, Jackson (Crusade for Christ): April 30-May 6; Dr. E. E. Taylor, pastor of White Oak Church, Houston, Texas, evangelist; Paul Bjrd, song leader; morning services Tuesday-Friday 7:00-7:30 followed by coffee and donuts; evening services 7:30; lunch served on the grounds following Sunday morning service; Rev. Eugene H. Dobbs, pastor.

Wyoming Church Invites SBC-Goers To Stop For An Overnight Visit

The WMU of North Cheyenne Baptist Church, Cheyenne, Wyoming, extends an invitation to all travelers to the Southern Baptist Convention in Portland to spend a night at their church or in their homes. A light evening meal will be served, as well as Continental breakfast. Some sleeping bags and cots will be furnished by the church, but it is suggested that parties bring their own if possible.

Please write to Mrs. Mary Purcella, WMU Director, Route 2, Box 460, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82001 indicating the date you plan to arrive and how many will be in your party. Rev. Othell LaFerne is pastor.

Blue Mountain Alumnae Day Set For April 28

BLUE MOUNTAIN, Miss. — On Saturday, April 28, alumnae of Blue Mountain College will gather on the campus from various states, the Mid-South, and from all sections of Mississippi, for an occasion, known for more than 73 of the institution's 100 years of service, as "May Day" and for later years as "Alumnae Day." "May Day," and "Play Production Day." This session, "May Day" will be "Spring Festival Day," and on that momentous date of April 28, there will be a special recognition of the graduating classes of 1923, 1938, 1948, 1953, 1958, 1963, 1968, and 1972. Although these classes will be honored and the recipients of special recognition, alumnae and former students of any class and period of attendance at Blue Mountain College, are cordially invited to attend the National Alumnae Meeting and all activities included in the schedule of plans.

To open the Saturday, April 28 schedule, there will be an All Day Art Exhibit which will display art works of every media done by all students of Dr. Carolyn Stone, Professor of Art; Registration at 9:00 a.m. at the Paschal Student Center; the Alumnae Business Session at 9:45 a.m. in Garrett Auditorium with Joyce Hall Beasley (Mrs. William M.) of Tupelo, Alumnae President, presiding; Recognition of Reunion Classes, 11:00 a.m., Garrett Auditorium; Alumnae Luncheon, Ray Dining Hall, 12:15 noon with Miss June Whitlow, member of the Class of 1958, now WMU Consultant of the Southern Baptist Convention delivering the keynote address of the day; and individual class reunions in program-designated places, 1:30 p.m.

The highlight of the 1973 Alumnae Meeting will be the announcement of the Alumnae of the Year Award. The honoree will be introduced and recognized in the usual way at the appropriate time during the proper session. At 3:30 p.m., the alumnae, parents of students, members of the current student body, the faculty, staff, 4, and Roman, nearly 2.

All friends of Blue Mountain College are cordially invited to witness the Spring Festival and coronation of

Queen Mary Carmen McCulley of Tupelo by Dr. E. Harold Fisher, college president.

The Surprise Junior Class Festival will be presented in Modena Lowrey Berry Auditorium.

The Spring Production, "Fiddler on the Roof," will be presented in Garrett Auditorium at 8:00 p.m. The Production will be presented by the Fine Arts Department of the College, featuring Miklos Bencze, a Professor of Voice at the University of Mississippi, and other members of the student body.

The production also will be presented on Thursday, April 26, and Friday, April 27, in Garrett Auditorium at 8:00 p.m.

A very cordial invitation is extended to former students to "Come Home" for another "Family Reunion."

Supreme Court - - -

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3. "Ballot" deductions from New York adjusted gross incomes of up to \$1,000 per child enrolled in nonpublic schools.

A three judge federal court in New York ruled the first two of these provisions unconstitutional, but approved the third in a 2-1 decision. The U. S. Supreme Court is being asked to rule on the constitutionality of all three.

The Pennsylvania law at issue provides for a direct payment to parents of \$75 for each child in elementary nonpublic school and \$150 for each child in a secondary nonpublic school. A three-judge federal district court in Pennsylvania ruled these payments unconstitutional.

In summary, the argument against these laws is that they provide unconstitutional public tax aid to private religious schools.

A summary of the argument for the laws is that the aid given is not for religious purposes but as relief to private school parents and as protection against public school costs in the event that the parochial schools close and pour their pupils into the public schools.

Golden Gate To Set Up Center In Los Angeles

MILL VALLEY, Calif. (BP) — Trustees of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary here voted to develop a new Los Angeles Center of the seminary as "a giant step toward developing strategy of theological training combined with the missions and evangelism thrust in the West."

At the same time Golden Gate Seminary President Harold Graves announced receipt of an anonymous gift of \$35,000 as the start of a fund to develop the satellite seminary center in Los Angeles. A goal of \$150,000 has been set for the initial phase of fund raising.

In other major actions, the trustees reinstated the master of church music degree offered by the seminary, adopted a record budget, approved several faculty promotions, adopted a new statement of academic freedom and tenure, and heard a report from the seminary Student Council.

In announcing the \$35,000 gift for the new center in Los Angeles, Graves said the center would be a "giant step" toward developing a strategy of theological training combined with missions and evangelism.

It is another expression of Golden Gate's desire to meet the need for training leadership for western churches, Graves said. Additional funds for the Los Angeles Center will be solicited from interested donors by trustees and seminary officers, he added.

In other action, the trustees gave full endorsement to reinstating the master of church music degree, which had been temporarily suspended awaiting a new curriculum structure. The first candidates for the degree will be admitted next fall.

FMB Names Senior Editor

Charles E. Warren Jr., staff writer for the Texas Baptist Public Relations Department and the Dallas Bureau of Baptist Press, will become senior editor of the Foreign Mission Board Press Office, May 21. He will succeed Mike Dixon who resigned to edit a weekly newspaper in Virginia. Warren, a former Missionary Journeyman to Lusaka, Zambia, holds a B. A. degree in journalism from Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee. He is completing requirements for the master of religious education degree at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth. (BP Photo)

Orleans Baptist Seminary in preparation for missionary service. Before enrolling there in January he was a division manager for Sears Roebuck and Co. in Mobile for eight years.

A native of Flomaton, Ala., he attended Livingston (Ala.) State College (now Livingston University) and was graduated in general business management from the University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg. He worked for the Maytag Company in New Orleans for five years.

Mrs. Sims, the former Sherry McGraw of Jackson, Miss., is also a graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi. Twice she has been a summer missionary for the SBC Home Mission Board, serving in Illinois and Ohio.

A musician, she played violin for five years in the Mobile Symphony Orchestra.

Last summer the family attended Foreign Missions Week at Ridgecrest (N. C.) Baptist Conference Center. There Sims learned of places on the mission field for persons trained in business. "I realized for the first time," he says, "that I might possess a talent God could put to use on the foreign mission field."

Mr. and Mrs. Sims were members of Dauphin Way Baptist Church in Mobile, and since moving to New Orleans they have been members of Gentilly Baptist Church.

Their three children are Robbie, 6, Virginia, 4, and Beverly, nearly 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell A. Herrington of Louisville, Ky., formerly of Scottsboro, Ala., expect to be assigned to Costa Rica, where he will work in music promotion.

Both are currently enrolled at Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville; he expects to receive the master of religious education degree in December. They are members of Walnut Street Baptist Church, and he is part-time youth director for a nearby Methodist church.

Before moving to Louisville last fall, Herrington was minister of music and youth at First Baptist Church, Scottsboro, for four years.

Born into the family of a Baptist pastor in Union, Miss., Herrington lived in a number of Mississippi towns, finishing high school in Goodman. He attended Hinds Junior College in Raymond, Miss., and was graduated with the bachelor of music degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth.

During college and seminary years he was minister of music for churches in Jackson, Plain and Durant, Miss., and Fort Worth and Lillian, Tex.

Mrs. Herrington is the former Annette Horton of Rome, Ga. She attended Shorter College in Rome for a year and half, then transferred to Mississippi College when her family moved to Jackson, Miss. She and her husband met when the Horton family joined Temple Baptist Church, Jackson, where Herrington's father was pastor.

Mrs. Herrington received the bachelor of music education degree from Mississippi College. She taught public school music in Rendon and Everman, Tex., while her husband was in seminary. Later she taught in Scottsboro, and following the birth of their first son she gave private piano lessons in their home.

The Herringtons' two sons are Rob, 4, and Roman, nearly 2.

Gains, Losses Listed In 1973 Yearbook

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the 1973 Yearbook, but the figures do challenge the widely held opinion that most conservative Churches are growing at rapid rates while liberal and "mainline" denominations are losing.

The more liberal denominations do show declines, but the more conservative show lesser gains than in immediate past years and, in some cases, losses as well, Mr. Jacquet noted.

For example, the Christian Reform Church added 466 members from 1970 to 1971, while the increase was 891 between 1969 and 1970. The new total is 286,094. The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod lost 436 members.

A selective comparison of finances of "larger" Protestant groups which suffered slight membership declines or marginal gains indicates that contributions are increasing. Nine denominations that lost a total of 266,750 members between reports for the 1972 and 1973 Yearbooks, had a combined contribution increase of \$63,433,445.

(These Churches include American Baptists, Disciples of Christ, Reform-

ed, Missouri Synod - Lutheran, United Church of Christ, United Methodist and United Presbyterian, Presbyterian, U. S., and the Lutheran Church in America.)

Some of the figures for individual Churches in the Yearbook were out of date before publication.

For example, the Southern Baptist Convention, the nation's largest Protestant group, is listed with 11,824,676 in the Yearbook. A new total of more than 12 million has now been reported by the SBC.

And the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is credited with 1,386,374, while the new total (for 1972) is 1,356,914. There also will be a new Roman Catholic total in early May.

Mr. Jacquet pointed out that "only on an individual church-by-church basis can losses and gains be accurately reported."

Using the 1973 Yearbook statistics, the only Christian Churches among the largest 14 which showed gains in 1971 over 1970, were the Roman Catholic Church, the Southern Baptist Convention and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormons).

Seven Protestant denominations showed decreases, ranging from 162,546 for the United Methodist Church to 426 for the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod. Others experiencing losses were the Episcopal Church, the Lutheran Church in America, the United Presbyterian Church, the United Church of Christ and the American Lutheran Church.

In four cases, there was no way to make comparisons.

Figures for the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., (reporting 5.5 million members were based on a 1958 estimate, the 2.6 million members of the National Baptist Convention of America was based on a 1955 estimate and the 2.4 million for the Churches of Christ on a 1968 estimate.

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of the state and three others have Mississippi backgrounds, as follows:

Donna Lynne Keyes: Employed as teacher, Petrolina, Brazil. Now senior at Mississippi State College for Women, Columbus; B. S. expected '73. Current address: Box 447, MSCW Columbus, 39701. Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. John W. Keyes of Clinton, A Mississippian, she was born in Jackson and lived in several other towns, finishing high school in Philadelphia.

Nancy Chamberlain: Employed as elementary teacher of missionary children, La Plata, Argentina. Now elementary and secondary school counselor for Coffeeville (Miss.) Consolidated School District. Current address: Rt. 3, Grenada, Miss. 38901. College: Blue Mountain (Miss.) College, B. A. '69; University of Mississippi, M. Ed. '71. Church: First Baptist, Coffeeville, Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. F. E. Chamberlain of Grenada, her hometown.

Tom Heaton: Employed for youth and music ministries, International Baptist Church, Buenos Aires, Argentina. Now senior at Mississippi College, Clinton; B. A. expected 5-73. Current address: Box 4996, Clinton, 39058. Church: First Baptist, Jackson, Miss. Son of M-M Thomas E. Heaton Sr. of Memphis, Tenn. Born in New Orleans, La., he also lived in Missouri, New Jersey and Mississippi, before his family settled in Memphis.

Barry Noland Morris: Employed as youth director, Calvary Baptist Church, Bangkok, Thailand. Now teaching reading at Pascagoula (Miss.) Junior High School. Current address: 4004 Scovel Road, Apt. 16, Pascagoula, 39567. College: Miami (Fla.) Dade Junior College, A. A. '67; Mobile (Ala.) College, B. A. '69; University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, M. S. '71. Church: First Baptist, Pascagoula. Son of M-M Walter G. Morris Jr. of Miami. He was born in Miami and also lived in Perrine, Fla., while growing up.

Ann Downing (Mrs. Barry N. Morris): Employed as youth director, Calvary Baptist Church, Bangkok, Thailand. Now clerical worker, Pascagoula, Miss. Current address: 4004 Scovel Road, Apt. 16, Pascagoula, 39567. College: Jones Junior College, Ellisville, Miss., A. A. '69; University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, B. A. '71. Church: First Baptist, Pascagoula. Daughter of Mrs. Edmond L. Downing of Collins, Miss., and the late Mr. Downing. She was born in Memphis, Tenn., and also lived in Collins while growing up.

The Convention President Speaks

Last week, I made an appeal to Mississippi Baptists to be big in regard to finding a successor to Dr. Huggins as Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention. Of course, this plea still stands and will continue.

Today I want to share with you some facts in regard to the work that is taking place. In the first place, I want to assure you that any rumor you have heard about a particular person having been asked is strictly a rumor. As of the present, not one name has been even mentioned by the committee. I want to also say, names will not be considered until May 15. This will be the date of the first consideration of a person.

I also want to encourage you to be present at the Baptist Building at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, April 26, for a hearing. This is designed to let all Mississippi Baptists share in opinions in regard to the type person that should be selected. You will also have an opportunity to help with guidelines. There will be no nominees received at that time.

If you desire to suggest someone for the position, put it in writing telling why you think the person is the right one and address your letter to the Executive Committee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Mississippi 39205. You can be assured that the committee is much in prayer about this and covets, as well as solicits, your prayers. We are counting on you to be the kind of people God wants you to be on this occasion and during this crisis.—David Grant.

The 1.95 members of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America were listed as "estimate only."

Canadian Membership Estimated

Canadian church membership stands at 12,770,268, according to the 1973 Yearbook of American and Canadian Churches.

This total, however, is based on incomplete and some non-current data, compiled by the National Council of Churches here.

For the first time, the Yearbook bears the name "Canadian," although it has long contained some data on Canada's religious groups.

Material in the 1973 volumes covers 53 Canadian communions and groups related to U. S.-based denominations. It came from different sources and is not considered thorough or necessarily up-to-date.

The 1972 Catholic Almanac puts the number of Canadian Catholics at 8,759,625. Constant Jacquet, editor of the Yearbook of the Churches, notes that the Catholic figure comes from the Canadian census reports, while figures from Protestants come from parish tabulations. He feels the Catholic figures may be "overstated" since what one put on a census form may indicate preference rather than membership. He concludes that the Protestant statistics may be "understated."

"Student Night" At Baptist Hospital

Mississippi Baptist Hospital students will stage their annual "Student Night" program at the hospital amphitheatre April 26 at 7 p.m., and the public is invited.

Miss Kathy Bearden, director of student activities at the hospital, said the program will feature skits, a beauty pageant, musical entertainment and announcement of "Mr." and "Miss" Baptist Hospital.

A panel of judges will select "Mr. Baptist Hospital" and "Miss Baptist Hospital." Mrs. Lu Harding is panel chairman. Members include Pat Wigley and Jim Wilkerson.

Musical entertainment will include vocal selections by Peggy Shack and songs by a group of hospital employees and students directed by Gene Rester.

Tickets are one dollar for adults and 50 cents for those under twelve. Money raised will be used to finance the Mississippi Baptist Hospital Student Annual.

The amphitheatre is located in the hospital's Progressive Care Unit in Jackson, across the street from the main hospital, and off-street parking is available.



L. O. Crosby of Picayune is seen holding plaque just handed him by Dr. J. Clark Hensley, Jackson, in recognition of his influence as an outstanding Christian businessman. At left is seen Dr. Charles Myers, Jackson, who had just concluded a revival in First Church, Picayune, and at right is Rev. Bill Duncan, pastor of the church and member of the Mississippi Baptist Christian Action Commission.

Picayune Layman Receives Citation As 'Outstanding Christian Businessman'

L. O. Crosby, Jr., of Picayune, has been cited in recognition of his influence as an outstanding Christian businessman by Dr. J. Clark Hensley of Jackson.

Dr. Hensley, director of the Christian Action Commission of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, made the presentation at the First Baptist Church of Picayune recently at the conclusion of a revival service conducted by Dr. Charles Myers, Jackson.

Dr. Myers is chairman of the Christian Action Commission and pastor of the Alta Woods Baptist Church.

The citation to Mr. Crosby reads: "Presented to L. O. Crosby, Jr., concerned Christian, generous church-

man, community-minded citizen, and esteemed friend, whose stewardship of influence has forwarded many worthy causes," and marked the national distribution of Dr. Hensley's new book. The citation was copied from the dedication page.

Mr. Crosby has served on the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, served as Sunday School teacher and in numerous other leadership capacities and has contributed most generously to his own church as well as a number of Baptist institutions and agencies and community enterprises, Dr. Hensley added. He has had special concern for Boy Scout work on more than one continent for many years.

Baptist Hospital Participates In National Hospital Week

May 6-12 is National Hospital Week, and Mississippi Baptist Hospital invites the public to visit the hospital that week, according to administrator Paul J. Pryor.

This week is an annual observance sponsored by the American Hospital Association to inform and educate the public on the positive contributions of hospitals to American Society.

The theme for the observance, this year is "Your Hospital: A Caring Community. Your Health: Our Common Concern."

"The purpose of the observance,"

said Pryor, "is to let everyone know that hospitals are humane institutions and that the 3,000,000 hospital employees in this country are concerned with the quality, availability and cost of health care."

During the week, one day will be set aside as "Employee Day," another as "Doctors Day" and a third as "Student Day," with special activities planned on each of those days to honor the designated group.

"We invite the public to visit the hospital during the week and stop by for a cup of coffee with us," said Pryor.



These men played prominent roles in the transfer of 220 acres of Waterways Experiment Station property to Mississippi College in ceremonies at the Jackson Installation Friday. From the left are Col. Ernest D. Peixotto, director of the Waterways Experiment Station in Vicksburg; Leonard A. Sheppard, regional commissioner, Property Management and Disposal Service, General Services Administration, Atlanta, Ga.; Sol Elson, director of Surplus Property Utilization, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration, Department of Health, Education and Welfare, Washington, D.C.; and Dr. Lewis Nobles, president of Mississippi College. They display a certificate presented by Mr. Elson to Dr. Nobles commemorating the event.—(M.C. Photo by Bill Strange)

Mississippi College Secures 220 Acres

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pressed the fine relationship that had existed between all parties during the detailed transfer.

Shelton Hand, director of development at the college, presided over the ceremonies. The invocation was given by Dr. Howard E. Spell, professor of Bible, while Dr. John G. McCall, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Vicksburg and a member of the college's Board of Trustees, pronounced the benediction.

Other platform guests included Nick Walker, Jackson, president of the Board of Trustees; Paul Geer, chief of Management and Disposal, Real Estate Division, Mississippi River Commission; and C. A. Patterson, assistant regional director, Surplus Property Utilization, HEW, Atlanta, Georgia.

In his remarks accepting the property, Dr. Nobles called for realism in the life of this great institution.

"We are inheritors of a grand tradition," said the President, reminding his audience that Mississippi College belongs to the Baptists of Mississippi and is the denomination's most comprehensive institution of higher learning in the state; its reach extending across most of the span of intellectual curiosity.

"The college dare not be a stranger to new knowledge in a domain of life known to our people today. Mississippi College must strive as it has in the past for high quality performance in every dimension of its work. It is more important to excel in teaching and in learning than to become a service station for society and trying to do too much and thus achieve too little."

"The acquisition of these facilities provides a means by which the Mississippi College of tomorrow may indeed be a greater institution than is the Mississippi College of today," said Dr. Nobles.

He outlined the proposed use of the secured property, saying 85 acres would be used for field research in biology, botany and chemistry. This would include research in air, water and land pollution as well as fisheries biology.

The Health, Physical Education and Recreation Division would utilize 85 acres to construct a nine-hole golf course, including five acres for a driving range, four acres for one "chipping green," and one acre for a 18 hole putting green.

Additional acreage would be used by the Division for softball diamonds, soccer field, and an archery range, plus 20 acres proposed as a lake for water safety programs and general recreation.

There would also be a multi-purpose driver education driving range, plus special conference facilities and central administrative facilities.

Jim Newton - - -

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al, a monthly missions magazine for Baptist men with a national circulation of 56,000; supervise the publication of special materials; and design and direct the implementation of a division communications program.

Newton will succeed Dana Driver, who resigned in December to become director of public affairs for Arlington Hospital and School for the Mentally Retarded.

During almost eight years as assistant director of Baptist Press, Newton wrote or edited more than 1,000 stories annually for almost 500 news outlets and supervised the operation of the press room each year at the Southern Baptist Convention.

Before joining Baptist Press in Nashville, Tenn., in 1965, Newton worked for six years as press representative for the Public Relations Department of the Baptist General Convention of Texas in Dallas.

Following graduation from Baylor University in 1958 with a bachelor of arts degree in journalism, Newton served as associate editor of the Bishop (Texas) News, a weekly newspaper for one year.

His parents were newspaper editors and his wife, the former Pat Tullos of Clinton, Miss., an editorial assistant for the Mississippi Baptist Record.

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Graham works in weekday ministries in that city as a student intern.

Christian social ministries intern Ethel Mae Haddock, serves in Tarrant Baptist Association, Fort Worth, while she is a student at Southwestern Seminary.



ON MOTHER'S DAY

—MAY 13, 1973—

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EDITORIAL

Worship In The White House

Famed atheist, Madeline Murray O'Hara is reported to be at it again. She is the one who succeeded in making it illegal to read the Bible or pray in the public schools.

She also is the one who objected to astronauts reading the Bible in space, and is seeking to prevent that happening again.

According to new releases in the public press, her latest move is to plan to file suit to prohibit religious services in the White House. She is objecting to the services that the president has been having there. Added to this, she is trying to stop the use of any kind of government buildings for religious services. This evidently would include stopping the opening of congressional sessions with a prayer under the direction of the chaplain, the use of the special prayer room in the capitol building, and any other religious observance. It is reported that she is even asking that the salary of the president and other officials be withheld if such practices continue.

Tragically, this tireless crusader simply does not understand the meaning of the freedom which we have guaranteed to us under the American constitution. She has freedom not to believe and not to worship. No one can force her to worship if she does not want to do so; where she is in error is

that she thinks that she must prevent the rest of us from doing the thing which she does not want to do.

What the constitution does is to give every man in America full freedom to worship or not to worship, as he pleases. The constitution says in its first amendment, which history reveals is there at least in part because of the demands of the Baptists that it be written there, that "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." There is nothing whatever in this statement that seeks to remove religion from American life; neither is there anything prohibiting the recognition of God and the worship of God in government buildings, in government divisions, or anywhere else in our land. In her arrogant conceit because of her victory in the prayer case, Mrs. O'Hara now seems determined to make all of America bow to her wishes.

Mrs. O'Hara also has forgotten something else, and that is that the White House is the home of the president of the United States and his family, and in this land a man can worship in his home if he cares to do so. In Russia and some of the other communist countries, it seems evident that a man's home is not his castle, but in America it is. And as long as the White

House is his home, the president of the nation has the right to have worship services there.

We are convinced that should this case ever come to the Supreme Court, the judges who are there now will make it clear that our founding fathers had no thought of eliminating religion from American life. All that they were opposing was the establishment of any one religious group as the official religion of the land, or the limiting of any man's freedom in worship. What this atheistic crusader is trying to do is to establish her religion of atheism as the religion of the land. She will fail!

It has been suggested that Christians everywhere should write to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Houston, Texas 77059, expressing support of the right of the astronauts to read the Bible and pray in space, and to give expression of their religious faith anywhere and at any time. Later, we may have information as to how you may write to express your opposition to this new move by this Godless leader.

Most of us would say that if Mrs. O'Hara chooses to go to hell she is free to do so. We do object to her trying to take everybody else with her.

A Time For Action

A month ago we published a special Montana issue of the Baptist Record in which we joined the Pioneer Missions Committee in making an appeal for Mississippi churches to participate in giving larger support to the young churches in Montana.

We are fully conscious that many of the churches in our state who want to share in this project, will not be able to take positive action until they set their new budgets late this summer or in the early fall. This means that some of the support cannot begin until the new budget year, next October, or even next January.

However, we should like to remind those who can take some action now,

that the need is NOW, and it is URGENT in some of the churches. We have just seen a letter from one of the splendid pastors in the area, in a church which has great opportunity, but where the situation right now is one of distress. This church needs help, and needs it NOW.

There are some churches in Mississippi which could begin giving regular support to a "missions project" immediately, and could provide \$25.00 per month, \$50.00, or \$100.00 per month out of their surplus, or out of their reserves. This could mean salary for a preacher in Montana, payment on a building, or help in saving some property. Would not this be much better

than having large reserves in the bank, not being used for the Lord?

All we are trying to say is, that if you can do something now, it is needed now. We hope that some churches can take immediate action so that some of these urgent needs can be met immediately. If you can do something, or are interested in doing something, or if you would like for someone who is familiar with the Montana work to visit your church and tell your people about it, please contact the Pioneer Missions Committee, care of Rev. Elmer Howell, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Miss., 39205, or call Mr. Howell at 354-3704 or Rev. J. W. Brister, P. O. Box 534, Gulfport, 39501 or phone 832-4311.

NEWEST BOOKS

New History Of Mississippi Is Most Comprehensive Ever Published

A HISTORY OF MISSISSIPPI edited by Richard Aubrey McLemore (University & College Press of Mississippi, 2 volumes, 1354 pp., \$25.00 per set) The most comprehensive history of the state of Mississippi which ever has been published. It is presented as a part of the state's contribution to the celebration of the American Revolution bicentennial. More than 40 writers collaborated with Dr. McLemore in the preparation of these volumes. Each writer was selected because of recognized competence in the field in which he wrote. The full story of the state from its very earliest pre-historic record to the beginning of the decade of the seventies is presented. The backgrounds, the people who came, the early developments, and the foundation of the state are covered in a most fascinating manner so that the reader does not want to miss one paragraph. There follows the record from statehood to the present. The story is vividly told of times of rapid advance, and times of difficulty; the times of peace and the times of war; the times of prosperity and the times of adversity. The development of the cultural, educational, political, and religious life all are recorded. The move from being almost completely an agricultural area to the new era of industrialization is carefully told. Special subjects such as transportation, banking, insurance, urbanization, education, literature, medical services, and other matters of special interest are included. The book has a many pages of illustrations and numerous maps. These pages record a history of the men and the events which have made this great state. They will provide a reference book for long years to come, but also will provide delightful hours of reading for those who sincerely want to know more about the state. Dr. McLemore and those who have worked with him deserve commendation for preserving these materials.

NOTES ON THE PENTATEUCH: GENESIS TO DEUTERONOMY by C. H. Mackintosh (Loizeaux Brothers, 323 pp., \$10.95) A reprint of the original six volume set, published by Loizeaux beginning in 1880 under the title "Notes on the Pentateuch." The writer was one of the most gifted biblical writers of the 19th century. In this new edition Dr. Wilbur M. Smith, famed Bible scholar in his own right, writes a word of introduction discussing the author and his books. This is not a verse by verse commentary, but rather simply seeks to unfold the gospel of the grace of God as it is revealed in the Mosaic writings. Without question this is one of the classic sets out of the 19th century and Loizeaux has made a distinct contribu-

tion in making it available in new format to this generation.

AN OLD FRIEND WITH NEW CREDENTIALS by Jack U. Harwell (Christian Index, 204 pp., \$4.95) A History of the Christian Index, the official journal of the Georgia Baptist Convention, written on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the second oldest religious paper in the nation. This book is the story of the paper's life and ministry from 1822 to 1972. The journal was founded by Luther Rice, the great Baptist leader, who started out as a missionary of another denomination, but became a Baptist before he reached his field. Returning to the United States, he became the outstanding leader of the early Baptist system of cooperation in missionary endeavor.

SOCIAL ETHICS AMONG SOUTHERN BAPTISTS, 1917-1969 by George D. Kelsey (Scarecrow Press, 274 pp., \$7.50).

A book which developed out of a doctrinal dissertation. The author carefully researched all that Southern Baptists did in the field of social ethics for the period named. Subjects discussed include the church, education, the state, war and peace, prohibition and liquor, the family, the economic order, and race. This is a very valuable study of the Southern Baptist position in these areas through this period of more than half a century. One cannot agree with some of his conclusions concerning Southern Baptists since his view is evidently critical of their position in some of these matters. Nevertheless, in his quotations, he has given a fair presentation of the Southern Baptist position. This is a book which will find a permanent place on the bookshelves of those who seriously study our convention and its work.

BAPTISM IN THE NEW TESTAMENT by G. E. Beasley - Murray (Eerdmans, paper, 442 pp., \$4.95).

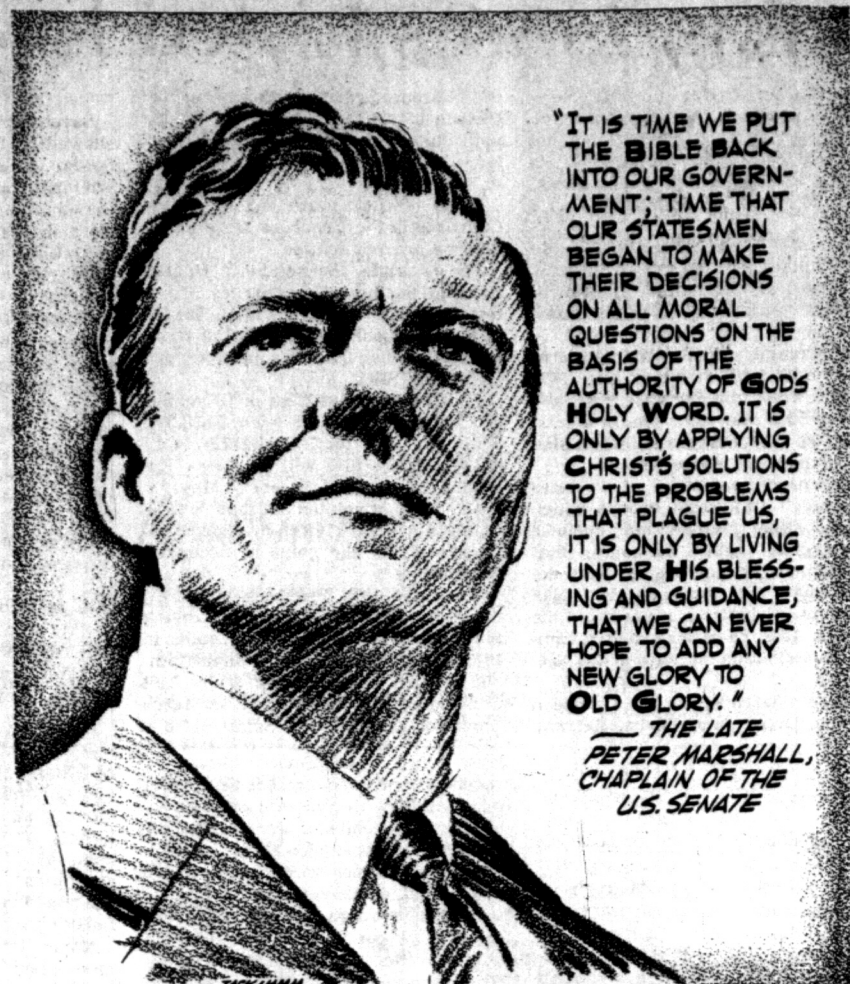
Reprint of a classic study of baptism by an outstanding English theologian. The book first appeared about ten years ago. Dr. Beasley - Murray is a scholar who is president of Spurgeon's College in London. These messages have been delivered in a number of institutions, including several Southern Baptist seminaries. The author makes a careful study of the antecedents to and the foundations of Christian baptism. He then discusses every reference to baptism that is found in the Bible. The next section discusses the doctrine of Christian baptism with Dr. Beasley - Murray saying that baptism is more than a purely symbolic rite. He seems to make baptism a sacra-

ment, but apparently does not mean by that what is meant by most denominations using the word. The reader will not necessarily accept all of his conclusions. One whole section discusses the rise and significance of infant baptism, and clearly shows there is no basis for it in the New Testament. The reasons for its practice by a large segment of Christianity is discussed. This book will be of interest to the trained, serious student.

THE FIRST CHURCH by S. E. Anderson (Challenge Press, 105 pp., \$1.25) A new edition of a book which appeared several years ago. The author presents in sharp and clear chapters why we must recognize that the New Testament Church was a local body made up of baptized believers. In this day of confused thinking on the church, even among Baptists, this book should have a wide reading. It will help preachers and people to realize the glorious position of a New Testament church and to give to it a place which the Lord meant for it to have. Dr. Anderson discusses the church as apostolic, baptistic, Christocentric, disciplined, evangelistic, free, gathered, holy, ideal, joyful, kind, local, and missionary. Those who have become deceived by universal church concepts need to read this book and carefully study the New Testament teaching of the church under its direction.

THE FIRST COMMUNION by S. E. Anderson (Bogard Press, 159 pp., \$2.50) The author who has written numerous books on Baptists and Baptist churches and who sometime ago wrote an outstanding book on baptism, now deals with the doctrine of the Lord's Supper. These are messages which are meant to show exactly what the New Testament teaches about the Supper, its meaning, its observance, etc. Those who read the book will have a clearer understanding of the place of the Supper in the church and in Christian life. False concepts are removed and truths are exalted.

GREAT PULPIT MASTERS SERIES—John H. Jowett, Charles H. Spurgeon, Dwight L. Moody, R. A. Torrey (Baker, paper, 256 pp. ea volume, \$2.95 ea.) Four reprint volumes of sermons by outstanding gospel preachers of the past. Spurgeon was a great English Baptist. Jowett served both in America and England and was a Congregationalist. Both Torrey and Moody were American evangelists, but both were known not only in this country but in other lands. The editors have chosen some of the greatest sermons from each of these preachers and have made this an outstanding series of four volumes of preaching.



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—THE LATE
PETER MARSHALL,
CHAPLAIN OF THE
U.S. SENATE

HIS WORDS STILL RING FROM CAPITOL HILL

THE BAPTIST FORUM

Sellers Home Accepting All Applicants

Dear Sir:

We are writing to ask you to correct the misinformation given in the letter published by your paper from King's Daughter's Home, recently, in which it was stated that we could not always take the girls who need help. The fact is that we are accepting any girl who needs help and we are not turning anyone away now because of lack of space.

We are enclosing some information about our home which we think you will like to have.

(Mrs. Allegra LaPrairie, ACSW
Director
Sellers Baptist Home and Adoption Center
2010 Peniston Street
New Orleans, Louisiana 70115)

(EDITORS NOTE: Mrs. LaPrairie sent a story concerning Sellers Home which we shall publish when we have space. Sellers Home for unwed mothers is operated by the Home Mission Board of the SBC. Persons needing more information about the home immediately should write to Mrs. LaPrairie at the above address.)

In The Defense Of Mrs. Fancher

Dear Sir:

I have been steaming ever since I read the letter in the Baptist Record several weeks ago critical of Mrs. Fancher. Today I came across a copy of her Thanksgiving, 1971 "Beyond the Ironing Board" which I think is the best rebuttal to the critical writer I can think of.

It is not fair to be critical of an author on the basis of one column. I have been reading "Beyond the Ironing Board" for years and also her column in the Jackson paper. I have found her to be humble, warm, and appreciative of her blessings — more than that she comes through on paper, as a human being, not as a "perfect preacher's wife." She has been a blessing to me.

Mrs. Vernon Strebeck
Route 1, Box 146
Decatur, Ms.

(Note: The criticism Mrs. Strebeck refers to was in a "Forum" letter on March 29. The letter said in essence that Mrs. Fancher should have expressed more gratitude for the lives of the pigs and the turkeys, given up that we may have big Thanksgiving dinners.)

On The MORAL SCENE...

Two-thirds of the women seeking legal help through a Boston referral service ask for women attorneys. "Any woman in practice gets a disproportionate number of women patients," finds a Philadelphia physician. A New York psychologist with 21 female, 3 male patients notes only half her patients were female three years ago. Women feel other females are more understanding, the professionals suggest. But seeking out women professionals can be difficult. A female attorney in New York complains she has trouble finding woman dentists, accountants. (Wall Street Journal, March 6, 1973)

Salaries of women workers are not only lower than those of men, but the gap between them is widening as well, the head of the Labor Department's Women's Bureau warned recently. Outlining a "grim picture" of the latest federal statistics dealing with the incomes of minority groups, Mrs. Elizabeth Duncan Koontz said that a woman working full time in 1970 made only 57% of a man's income, down from 64% in 1955. "Women with one to three years of college education had lower incomes in 1971 than men who had completed only eight years



A Woman's World Reaches Far

Beyond the Ironing Board

—Wilda Fancher

It's that restless time of year when fancies begin to turn. My fancy always turns straight to projects like digging flower beds and washing windows and painting things. The rest of the fancies in my family turn, too, but away from all my efforts at such "sharing" experiences to things like baseball, riding bikes, participating in church dramas and banquets, fishing, playing tennis and the like.

You might say I am paintbrush-happy. Something in me rises up wildly when I get a paintbrush full enough of paint that it drizzles down to my elbow when I reach up to paint. It's as if the drizzle sets off flamboyancy in my visions almost psychedelic in nature and makes me wield my paintbrush at everything in sight. It reaches serious enough proportions that by now when I make my first annual mention of painting, the boys begin to put treasured items under lock and key if they're small enough. They put me under solemn oath about those so large they would have to pay storage on to keep safe from my paintbrush.

Women are funny. For years I moved furniture every day or two. Nobody dared come in and try to go to bed without turning on the light to see where his bed was. Occasionally his whole room had been swapped with someone else.

And I've spent years painting furniture—all kinds and any kind of furniture. I painted our first refrigerator pink. That was 23 years ago when every kitchen appliance was clothed in the stark whiteness of a sterile surgical ward. Wanting pink in my kitchen hadn't seemed to me to be the psychological problem some of our friends thought it seemed to be. Nevertheless, it was with a bit of relief that I smugly showed them, a few years later, colorful appliances in ads. Come to think of it, though, I still haven't seen a new pink refrigerator.

Unsettling as it is, restlessness in the springtime heart is good. Because of it, we look around at things and begin to try to make those things start looking up.

However, James is not sure of the turn my restlessness is taking this spring. He seems a little restless himself; he offers to help me move furniture and keeps asking me if I need a new paintbrush yet. Maybe it's because he thinks he hears me saying something about "replacing" furniture.

Like I said, it's been 23 years.

of school," she said in citing another example. "The 1970 full - time year - round wage or salary income figures put white men at a median of \$9,373, followed by minority men at \$6,598. Next came white women at \$5,490, and finally at the bottom, minority women at \$4,674." Mrs. Koontz noted that about 90% of nurses, dietitians, librarians, and elementary teachers were women, but that women accounted for less than 10% of the scientists, doctors, lawyers, dentists, and engineers.

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Baptist Colleges Revisited

By Chester E. Swor

During the current session, I have had the happy privilege of spending some days on the campuses of our three Baptist senior colleges in Mississippi. (Clarke College extended an invitation, but too late for me to include it in this year's plans; therefore, I have offered to visit that campus during next session). Here are some good news items from those campuses — Blue Mountain College, Mississippi College, and William Carey College:

1. All of the colleges have had enrollment increases from slight to significant. For two reasons, this is encouraging: 1) the colleges have been obliged to raise tuition fees in order to maintain quality education; 2) many private colleges in other sections of our nation are having a struggle to maintain their enrollments, and some are actually declining in enrollment. In the week in which this article is being written, a metropolitan newspaper carried an Associated Press dispatch with this three-column headline: **DRAMATIC SLOW-DOWN HITS COLLEGE ENROLLMENT GROWTH.** The article named four well-known state universities with declines in enrollment ranging from 2.4 percent to 9 percent.

2. All three colleges have the strongest faculty personnel in their individual histories and are maintaining the highest academic standards ever. Each of them has a stimulating honors program which challenges the superior students to their maximum achievements. The academic strength of our colleges means that any student who graduates from one of our colleges with a creditable academic record will face no disadvantage in graduate or professional school study, or in post-college careers. In fact, Mississippi Baptists may well be proud of the really excellent performance of our Baptist college graduates at the post-college level of career or study.

3. Our colleges are trying sincerely to maintain the Christian ethic and spirit throughout the functions of the institutions; and, being fully familiar with the very real struggle in this regard which has proceeded on the church-related college campuses throughout America, I feel strongly that our three Baptist senior colleges are doing a good job in their conscientious efforts to maintain an atmosphere compatible to Christian education.

For any inadequacies or lapses which friend or foe may point out, let these reminders help:

a. The society from which our students come has changed so drastically in recent years that the ideas which many students bring with them to Christian college campuses are not as bright and compelling as in former years; in fact, those ideas are often faded or held with a touch of cynicism. Therefore, our colleges do not receive the high percentage of minds and hearts receptive to committed Christian living which they received some years ago.

b. Many students, though not a majority, come from home backgrounds with greater permissiveness than in former years, and they are accustomed to neither the higher ideals nor the wiser restrictions which our colleges feel that they must maintain.

c. Barely half of the students enrolled in our colleges live on the campuses, and a vast number of them commute, being on campus only for classes. In the pre-World War II days, the overwhelming majority of students lived on campus and were living all day in the atmosphere of the Christian college. That changed factor makes it difficult for our colleges to do as pervasive a job of surrounding students with a total Christian atmosphere as the colleges did formerly.

d. Our colleges are trying to be realistic without compromise: they have re-evaluated requirements and restrictions with modifications of factors in which no moral or religious principle is involved. Also, they have sought valiantly to give guidance and protection without stifling student thought, initiative, and capacity to exercise intelligent freedom of will.

Important Reminder

For any bad thing concerning our colleges which may come to your attention, you may be sure that there are many good things about which you didn't hear! Examples from the wider spectrum of American youth: 1) Hardly more than 5% of college and university students participated in the violent protests of recent years, but who received the publicity—the 5% who protested or the 95% who did not? 2) The most recent survey by a university survey department indicates that only 15% of American teenagers have experimented with drugs, and less than 5% were actual drug addicts; but who receives the

key spots in the news media — the 15% or the 85%? You know the answer; so, be sure to apply the similarity to any unfavorable report which you hear concerning our colleges.

4. Our Mississippi Baptist Colleges are training an inspiring quantity and quality of leadership for the future. If you should see, as I have seen, the total number of students in our three colleges who have made commitments for Christian service as a vocation, and then should look at similar totals of states with only one senior Baptist college, you would feel a tremendous sense of gratitude for the much greater quantity of future leaders of our denomination being produced by our three colleges. I came to the conclusion of my visits to the campuses with a long-held conviction even deeper: **We need all three of these colleges urgently!**

5. My final impression is one which earlier visits gave, but which is even stronger: **our colleges need us urgently.** They need us for love, devotion, prayer, confidence, "good news sharing," and undiminished financial support. If out of love and devotion every Mississippi Baptist who has ever had direct or indirect contact with one of our Baptist colleges would pray fervently each day for our schools, more things would be wrought by such praying than we now dream of. Why not join that prayer brigade today?

If, because of our confidence in our schools, all of us who love them will speak of them enthusiastically, defend them from unwarranted observations, and urge many of our young people to attend them, a cascade of strength and students would come to our colleges.

Miracle...Mirage?

As of this writing, there exists a small miracle: our colleges are operating in the black, while maintaining a high level of quality. But, let us be reminded, the space on the ledger between black and red is breath-takingly narrow. Their financial structure can stand no retrenchment of denominational support, but could "stand" with joy and gratitude much increased support from both the denomination and from individuals.

I love our colleges with all my heart; and, if circumstances permit you to visit them, you will love them, too. Pending such a visit on your part, accept my testimony: our Mississippi Baptist colleges are precious treasures!

including efforts to discredit Key 73 as anti-Semitic even before the nationwide evangelistic campaign got underway.

Dr. Henry charged that Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum, national director of interreligious affairs for the American Jewish Committee, has "scathed" Key 73 as "an opening for anti-Semitism feelings, an assault on the honor, dignity, and truth of Judaism." But Dr. Henry also said that many evangelicals "were grateful that Tanenbaum had made evangelical interest in Jewry a national issue."

He criticized Rabbi Solomon S. Bernards, interreligious affairs official for the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, and asked him to produce facts that Key 73 promotes "a stifling, suppressive" climate that intrudes on the privacy of Jews, plans their "quick liquidation and extermination," and "slanders" among its agencies a crypto anti-Semitism.

Dr. Henry said "liberal Protestants given to syncretism and universalism" may agree with such "diatribes" as a "way of rationalizing their non-engagement in the requirement of the new birth (which Jesus initially addressed to a Hebrew rabbi)."

"Many evangelicals felt that a wolfcry of anti-Semitism was being sounded forth in an effort to disarm and discredit legitimate evangelism," he said of the Jewish criticism.

Dr. Henry said that "most Jews who have found Messiah have also come to a new awareness of their own heritage. Where a severance occurs, it is sometimes unfortunately stimulated by Christian workers insensitive to Jewish traditions and unaware of how to approach Jews as Jews."

The professor at Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, rejected the idea that "evangelical Christians are bent on coercing Jews into becoming Christians." He said that no Jews can be expected to forget crusades, programs and Nazi atrocities perpetrated by "nominal Christians" and at a high price to Christianity.

In its editorial, Christianity Today objected to some groups re-writing Key 73 mandates to apply only to "those of our continent who are not actively related to any of the religious organizations." It mentioned as an "apparent" example the Key 73 Task Force of the Southern California - Arizona United Methodist Conference which said that "any assump-

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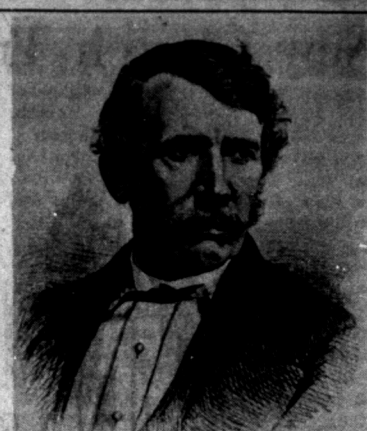
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Mid-America To Offer Two Special Summer Bible Study Courses

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Two special Bible courses designed especially for pastors will be offered during the summer session of Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary, Dr. B. Gray Allison, president, has announced.

An intensive study of Colossians, the January Bible study for 1974, will be taught by Dr. Roy Beaman, and an intensive study of the book of Acts, the book for study in January, 1975, will be taught by Dr. Philip Allison.

Dr. Gray Allison will teach "Modern Cults." Any or all of these three summer courses may be taken for Seminary credit.

The summer session begins June 25 and runs through July 20. Each class will meet for two hours daily, Tuesday through Friday.

Because of the limit on class size, early registration is suggested. Those interested should write: Registrar, Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary, Box 2739, Little Rock, Arkansas 72203, for an application.



Souenlovie To Celebrate Centennial

Souenlovie Church, Enterprise, will on May 27 observe Centennial Homecoming Day, marking the church's one hundredth year and the 72nd year in the present building, shown above.

Former pastors, members, citizens of the area, and other visitors are invited. Singing groups have an invitation to participate.

The day's program will begin at 10 a.m. with a song service and a welcome by the pastor, Rev. Parker (Barbecue) Chancellor. Johnny and Veri Keahey will read the church history. Former pastors, Rev. David Townsend, and Rev. Fred Chancellor, will deliver messages during the morning service. The Heavenly Trio, Ray Mercer, Linda Sisson, and Jo Ann Chancellor, will sing.

Henry Issues Rebuttal To Jewish Critics Of Key 73

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS) — The man and the magazine originating the idea for Key 73 have issued sharp rebuttals to criticisms of the evangelistic effort.

Dr. Carl F. H. Henry, who wrote a 1967 Christianity Today editorial that led to Key 73, examined Jewish criticism of the undertaking and of the "Messianic Jewish" movement in the April 13 issue of the evangelical fortnightly. An editorial in the same issue discussed criticisms of the Key 73 theme, "Calling Our Continent to Christ."

In an article called "Jews Find the Messiah," Dr. Henry said groups of Jews who accept Christ have been growing on both East and West coasts. "This phenomenon," he wrote, "has evoked extreme, even reactionary statements by some Jewish spokesmen against evangelical Christians,

Following lunch at the church at 12, a song service will begin at 1:30, led by Spring Hill Revivals. All former pastors present will be introduced. Gospel singing by all groups or singles who wish to be heard will conclude the day's program.

Pusan, Korea — Seven interns and 11 residents have begun medical studies at the Wallace Memorial Baptist Hospital here. They represent the fourth contingent to enroll in the hospital's residency and intern program. Six other physicians recently finished studies, bringing to 42 the number who have completed the program at this Southern Baptist-supported institution.

Cherokee Artist Donates Painting To Baptist Indian Center, Philadelphia

Mrs. Dorris Carney, now living in Prescott, Arizona, has donated an oil painting to the Baptist Indian Center at Philadelphia, Miss. She is a friend of Mr. and Mrs. Dolton Haggans, missionaries to the Mississippi Choctaws.

Mrs. Carney has an ancestral background of Cherokee Indian and is a member of the American Indian Artist Association. Her paintings were accepted by and sold at last Novem-

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'Time To Run' Is Running Well

CHICAGO, Illinois (March 2, 1973) — "Time To Run," the latest release of the Billy Graham organization's film arm, World Wide Pictures, is running well. In its first four weeks on the screen it set new records for attendance and for the total number of inquirers.

Over 466,000 persons have seen the dramatic, feature-length movie since it premiered in Memphis. Of that number, over 30,000 have stayed in the theaters to receive spiritual counsel after the film was over.

The total number of inquirers for the first four weeks is larger than the total registered during the theater showings of all World Wide movies in 1972. The figure for last year was 23,564.

Year Of Evangelism

Providential Adventures In Christian Witnessing

By R. Othal Feather

A few months ago I was teaching my book on "Outreach Evangelism" with the Sunday School leadership of the Calvary Baptist Church in Kansas City, Missouri. We were studying the section on, "Casual Contacts for Christ" when I called for reports of personal witnessing since our previous teaching session the evening before.

A middle aged layman was the first to respond. He told how he had casually encountered an acquaintance who was not a Christian. The Christian layman determined to witness to his business acquaintance again, silently asking God for the help of the Holy Spirit.

He shared his testimony and to his great surprise the unsaved man manifested a genuine interest. In just a few minutes the witness asked the unsaved man if he would be willing to

pray, asking God's forgiveness and trusting Christ as Savior. The witness prayed first, followed by a brief prayer of real surrender by the one to whom he had witnessed.

The recipient of his witness raised his head with tears in his eyes, saying in a sincere voice, "I have settled it with the Lord, but what am I going to say to my preacher brother who has been trying to win me for fifteen years?"

We never know when our casual contacts for Christ will bring forth real adventures in Christian witnessing. Furthermore, unless our casual contacts count for Christ our premeditated witnessing will likely be very empty and void of the Holy Spirit's empowerment. Likewise, our casual witnessing may climax the witnessing of others or pave the way for the witness of others.

New Church Training Plan Is Set To Begin



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the
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NASHVILLE — CHURCH: The Sunday Night Place, a new promotional effort designed by the church training department of the Southern Baptist Convention will soon be implemented by churches across the Southern Baptist Convention.

This emphasis is to help churches experience a new consciousness about church training and increase attendance on Sunday night, according to

Phillip B. Harris, secretary of the church training department.

"We have a conviction that Sunday Night is right for Southern Baptists to have good evangelistic preaching, inspirational music, warm fellowship, and meaningful, satisfying training," Harris explained.

"Every day is the Lord's day, of course," Harris pointed out, "but we want to emphasize the fact that Sunday is the Lord's day all day long, which includes Sunday night."

"To help churches enact this emphasis in their churches," he said, "we will have 12 attractive products available June 1. A church can spend as little or as much as desired to begin this emphasis."

In March every church in the Southern Baptist Convention received a brochure entitled: "Here's Help For You To Make CHURCH: The Sunday Night Place". It contained a mail-back form for use by a church leader to order CHURCH: The Sunday Night Place — A Church Guide, free of charge, to help his church conduct this new promotional effort.

The Baptist General Convention of Texas has already begun the emphasis. Colonial Baptist Church, Dallas, is the first church in the Southern Baptist Convention to be committed

by a vote of the church to CHURCH: The Sunday Night Place. On the first night of emphasis Colonial Baptist had 356 people in church training, which is noticeably up from their average attendance of 150.

R. Clyde Hall, church training secretary for Texas, is leading the effort in Texas. Early in March, Harris and Bill Young, supervisor of the children's section of the Church Training Department, presented an overview of the plan to church leaders from the Houston area and to approximately 60 associational missionaries from all over the state of Texas, meeting in Dallas. Response from both groups, in light of their comments, was very positive.

The major thrust of the plan is suggested for September, 1973, with other emphases suggested for the succeeding 12 months. All events are described in chronological order, and all products are identified as to what is to be used, when, and for whom. A day-to-day schedule of things to be done at crucial times also is included. Since the material is presented in this fashion, it may be used at another time if September is not convenient for a church. The plan contains suggested uses for each of the 12 pieces, but churches may generate other uses to meet their needs.

CHURCH: The Church Night Place — A Church Guide, which is available to churches from the Church Training Department of the Board upon request at no cost, contains a complete list of the products and a complete description of each one. Suggested uses for the products also are listed in the Guide.

The products include a Theme Poster Set for \$3.25 per set of five; four-color postcards available for \$1.50 per set of 100; standard size place mats for church suppers, and fellowships, \$2.00 per set of 100; 25 bumper stickers for \$4.00; 50 lapel buttons for \$1.50; and large silk-screen banners for \$2.00 each except for orders of more than 4, which will reduce the price to \$1.75 each.

Also available are Recorded Programs with two 12-minute assembly features for 1.00 per record; Stick-ons, \$1.90 per set of 100; offset proofs related to CHURCH: The Sunday Night Place, \$1.00 per sheet; Bulletin Inserts, three separate inserts, sold only in sets of all three inserts, 25 of each insert in set, \$1.25; stencils, with same art as offset proofs, \$1.00 each; and Bulletins, sold in sets of 25 for 40 cents.

These products may be ordered on the regular church literature order blank.

"Homecoming Month"

First Baptist Church, Sherman, Texas, has designated May 13 - June 17 as "Homecoming Month." The special time for former members to come by for a visit will begin with Mothers' Day, and end on Fathers' Day with "Dinner-on-the-Grounds." Dr. Tom S. Brandon, pastor, extends his personal welcome.

Names In The News



ORGANIST RECEIVES 25-YEAR AWARD — Mrs. W. H. (Nina) Clearman was recognized March 25 for her 25 years' service as organist of Petal-Harvey Church. She was presented a plaque and a dozen roses. Left to right, above, at the presentation, are Dan C. Hall, director, Church Music Department, MBCB; Mrs. Clearman; Toby H. Rowell, minister of music and education; and Rev. O. Jerry Henderson, pastor. The plaque inscription reads: "Presented to Mrs. W. H. Clearman in loving appreciation of 25 years of faithful and loyal service as organist of Petal-Harvey Baptist Church without monetary remuneration."



NEW ORLEANS SEMINARY hosts Laurel Church Foundation Trustees — Trustees of the Foundation of the First, Laurel were on the campus of New Orleans Seminary recently and were guests at a noon luncheon with Dr. Ray Rust, executive assistant to the President at New Orleans, and several students who receive benefits from the Foundation. Funds for the Laird-Morrison Scholarship are provided through the Foundation of the Laurel Church. Seated around the table (moving from extreme right facing camera) are Dr. Bob Marsh, pastor of Laurel First Church; Dr. Rust; David Yeager, seminary student and graduate of William Carey; Mrs. J. W. Fagan, trustee; Mrs. Louise Morrison, trustee; Aaron Welch, seminary student and native of Ellisville; Homer Odom, trustee; David Maddox, student at New Orleans; Sam V. Pack, trustee; Ken Jordan, student and former Mississippi resident; J. W. Fagan, trustee; and Rev. Bert Jones, associate pastor at Laurel.



Grant Smith, (second from left) a native of Meridian, a former student of Miss. College and Miss. State University and first year student in diploma of pastoral ministries, at New Orleans Seminary is one of four New Orleans students who led an evangelistic crusade in churches of the Lake Mead Baptist Association in Las Vegas, Nev. area, April 1-8, during the seminary's spring holidays. Pictured with Smith (left to right) are Gerald Saffel, Rev. M. D. McGlamery, Director of Missions for Nevada and crusade organizer, Keith Fordham, and Darryl Wood.

Dr. Herschel H. Hobbs, former president of the 12 million member Southern Baptist Convention, is serving as guest professor of preaching at the Golden Gate Seminary in Mill Valley. He is teaching two courses during the spring quarter. Hobbs was pastor of First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Okla., for 23 years before retiring in January, 1973.

Dr. Jimmy A. Millikin, Professor of Religion at Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge, and a featured columnist in the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine, has been named as a faculty member at Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary. Dr. B. Gray Allison, president of the Seminary, said that Dr. Millikin will begin duties with the beginning of classes in the fall. Registration for the fall quarter will be August 20, with classes beginning on August 23.

William Carey College's prolific music professor-composer, Dr. Benjamin Dunford, had his original music arrangement of the Moravian Palm Sunday anthem, "Hosanna," presented Sunday, April 14, in three Hattiesburg churches. Under the direction of Ray Luper, minister of music at First Presbyterian Church, the anthem was enjoyed, while James Hayes, minister of music at First Baptist, also featured the special arrangement. At Main Street minister of music, Bob Jones, also had his choir do the special Palm Sunday music.

Dr. Bobby Dean Box, pastor of Greenbrier Church in Arlington, Va., has been named as new assistant professor of Old Testament at New Orleans Seminary according to Dr. J. Hardee Kennedy, the school's Dean of Academic Affairs. A native of Shreveport, Dr. Box pastored in Laurel, Miss. during 1965-66. He has been at Greenbrier Church in Arlington since 1970.

New Zion Calls Pastor

Rev. Jerald Welch has moved to New Zion Church, Route 7, Tylertown, in Walthall Association, as pastor.

He moved from the Rena Lara Church of Riverside Association where he had served for 33 months.

New Zion will be observing its 150th anniversary later this year. Also the church is making plans for dedication of their new church building around the middle of May.

Revival Dates

Macedonia (Lebanon): April 8 - 15; Rev. David Shofner, West Pensacola Church, Florida, evangelist; R. C. Meadows, of Central, Hattiesburg, singer; Rev. Richard White, pastor; 49 professions of faith; nine other decisions of repentance; two by letter; total of 60 decisions.

Phillipston (Leflore): May 7 - 13; Rev. Chester Estes, Brandon, evangelist; Kay Makamson, pianist; Ann Conner, organist; Danny White, music director; regular Sunday services; 7:30 p.m. during week; Rev. Bob Mathis, pastor; group of Calhoun County Laymen Involved in Evangelism to visit and witness in community May 5 and 6; churchwide supper to be held May 6.

The Pike County Crusade, featuring Evangelist Moody Adams, will begin at the McComb High School Stadium April 29, and continue through May 6 with services nightly at 7:30 p.m.

Among those who will be sharing the platform with the evangelist are the world's strongest man, Paul Anderson; Miss America talent winner Dulsie Scripture, and Disney World Vice-President Thomas Moses.

Other special guests will be the multitalented Bunny Martin, the world's Yo-Yo champion; Nashville singer and promoter Pat Stille; veteran organist and pianist Bob Anderson; contracting kingpin Joe Mosley; and Louisiana State Police officers, Joyful Revelation.

One of Mississippi's own outstanding athletes, former pro football star Tom Goode, will be the guest speaker at the May 6 service. Goode is now an assistant coach at Mississippi State University.

Lending a special boost to this crusade will be religious leaders Lee and Betty Fisher. Lee Fisher will speak at noon luncheons April 30 through May 4 at the First Baptist Church in McComb. The luncheons will begin at 12:10 p.m. Lee will also lead the music for the crusade. Fisher has been with the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association for the past 20 years having participated in most of the major crusades of Billy Graham during those years.

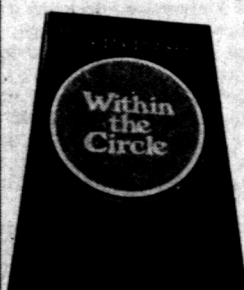
Providing much of the music for the crusade will be gospel singer Larry Long, a regular member of the Moody Adams Crusade team.

This crusade is being sponsored by the Pike County Baptist Association with Rev. Curtis Williams as Crusade Chairman. Rev. Glen T. Williams is Superintendent of Missions.

Woodlawn, Vicksburg (Warren): April 29 - May 6; Pastor Paul Brooks, evangelist; Francis La Roque, Lake Charles, La., Music; Services regular hours on Sunday and 7:30 each evening.

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Man Responds To God Through Faith

By Clifton J. Allen
Matthew 16:13-16; John 20:24-31;
Acts 16:25-34; Romans 10:5-13

The truth about faith is central in the teaching of the gospel, and faith itself is basic in all aspects of Christian experience. We are not thinking, however, of faith in an abstract sense or a theological concept. Rather, faith is a matter of vital relationships. The object of faith is God in Christ. The person who believes with true faith is joined to God in Christ. Thus faith is the medium by which we become related to Christ in salvation and by which we appropriate his grace and strength to follow him, to serve him, and to grow like him. We shall learn from the experience of Thomas and the teaching of Paul that man's responsibility to Christ must be one of faith which calls for trust,



commitment, and confession. The Lesson Explained Evidence For Faith John 20:24-29

The resurrection of Jesus was a fact. He was alive. On the day he arose from the grave, he appeared to different ones of his followers, including ten of the disciples that evening. But Thomas was absent. A week later Jesus appeared to the disciples, Thomas being with them. He challenged Thomas to probe the place of the nails in his hands and the spear thrust in his side, to give up his skepticism and believe. Thomas was convinced. He declared his faith, "My Lord and my God." Thomas is not to be condemned. His attitude and mindset called for evidence. That was his makeup. But he was not justified in setting his own terms for believing that Jesus was risen from the dead.

There is abundant evidence to justify faith in God, faith in the death and resurrection of Jesus, faith in all the realities which relate us to God in

Christ. But faith is not dependent on physical sight or physical hearing. It does not require the proof of logic or science. The essence of faith is trust, believing to the point of self-surrender, believing that God is and responding to him as Father-Savior-Lord. Salvation By Faith Rom. 10:6-11

Paul sought constantly to correct the idea that one could be set right with God or experience his salvation by obedience to the law. Salvation in the sense of a saved relationship with Christ is conditioned upon faith alone. The righteousness of faith, received by faith and characterized by faith, does not demand human merit or effort. Everyone has direct access to the Savior. His salvation is offered to men not by law but by faith. It is the gift of God's grace. Confession and faith naturally go together. Faith is the response to him in acknowledging him as Lord and in receiving from him the forgiveness of sins. The confession by the mouth is the natural

declaration of the belief in the heart. The confession that Jesus is Lord is a declaration of commitment to him, and without such commitment there can be no salvation. Belief in the heart must be voluntary, not forced; it must have love and devotion. And confession must be voluntary and genuine; it declares acceptance and commitment.

The Life of Faith

First, emphasis should be placed on the fact that one becomes a Christian through becoming a true believer in Christ as Lord and Savior. One discovers his lostness, his estrangement from God, his accountability for sins, without Christ or apart from Christ. Such discovery should lead to true repentance, a renunciation of sin with godly sorrow which is inseparably related to one's turning to Christ with personal trust and commitment. Baptism is the proper sequel, the natural declaration, the open confession of trust in Christ.

Second, emphasis must be placed

on the fact that the whole continuing life of the Christian is nurtured by or conditioned on faith. Faith is not a decision once for all made and then forgotten. It is a relationship with Christ. This is the essence of the union with Christ. It is belonging to him. It is depending on him. It is the sense of dependence on him, trust in him, and love toward him which are so crucial to the quality and blessing of the Christian's life. But faith must be continuously exercised by the Christian as the expression of his commitment and his loyalty. The life of faith is to be one of companionship with the living Lord and one of fellowship in obedience and service.

Truths to Live By

The greatness of Christ calls for greatness of faith. — "My Lord and my God." Nothing less than a confession like this is worthy of Christ. Our response to him through faith should seek to be worthy of who he is, of what he has done for the redemption of the world, and of what he means to us as friend and Savior and Lord. Our faith in His strength to help us overcome temptation must match his victory over Satan and the purity and power of his sinless life. Our faith in him for every crisis of

pain or heartache and every opportunity and responsibility must match the reality of his infinite love and adequacy of his power over sin and death.

Our faith will determine the level of Christian achievement. — Our hunger for righteousness and love for what is good will depend on whether our faith in Christ has supplied spiritual motivation to become like him and to manifest to the world the virtues of Christlikeness. Our compassion for people being destroyed by the ravages of sin or being crushed by sorrow or frustration or loneliness will depend on whether we experience by faith the compulsion of the love of Christ.



A Grim Sight

Elmo Davis, pastor of Lovely Hope Church, Hubbard, Texas, surveys the ruins of his parsonage, obliterated by a tornado which heavily damaged homes and businesses in the small towns of Hubbard and Burnet. The Baptist General Convention of Texas sent its mobile disaster unit, a rebuilt and fully self contained tractor trailer rig, to Hubbard, where several lives were lost, and fed more than 1,800 disaster victims. Texas Baptists and the SBC Home Mission Board, which volunteered immediate assistance, shared in the disaster relief costs. (BP Photo by David Clanton)

Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

Jesus Christ Is Lord Of Life

I Cor. 15:58-16:24
By Bill Duncan

The 15th chapter of I Corinthians is one of the loftiest passages of thought and theology in the New Testament. In it is the discussion of the life of the world to come. Paul, the human author, uses theology to present a challenge that is intensely practical. The conclusion of the great passage ends this way: "If you have all

that glory to look forward to then keep yourself steadfast in God's faith and God's service, for if you do, all your effort and all your striving will not be in vain." The strenuous life of the believer may be difficult but it is worth the struggle for the crown of life.

Too many Christians keep their heads in the clouds and some far above the clouds without knowledge of what is going on around their feet. Many of these may know what the book of Revelation means but fail to see how the truth of God's word can help a hungry child. There may have been times that Paul had his head in the clouds but his feet were firmly planted on the good earth. Paul could scale any thought but there was no practical detail of administration too

small for his wise attention. Life where Jesus Christ is Lord has all types of challenges. There is the wealth that is controlled by a few. There is the poverty that is real. There is unhappiness and pleasure that give temporary relief from boredom. There is the church and the masses that never attend. Jesus Christ wants to be Lord over all. But the entrance of Christ into the problems begins with the control of Christ in the individual's life.

A good example of the Lordship of Jesus is what we should do with poverty and wealth that is discussed in I Corinthians 16. Paul was concerned for his spiritual brothers in Jerusalem, the mother church, so he instructed the Corinthians to take an offering for the people that were in poverty. The Jewish religion had a practical plan for the poor. The Christians did not need to be behind the Jewish and the heathen world in generosity.

The practical plan for taking an offering to help the needy Christians was: weekly, on the first day of the week, every Christian should put aside something for the Christians at Jerusalem. The amount was to be determined by how well the individual had prospered. The opportunity of showing the genuineness of love took several strong statements on the part of Paul to become a reality. Paul went

as far to say that some day if they were in need, they would receive help. The Macedonians were cited for doing a noteworthy job by first giving themselves — not merely in dedication but in personal service to the Lord and to Paul (II Corinthians 8).

Christ needs Christians with compassion, energy, and ability to prepare to attack poverty. The Lord of life needs politicians, pastors, businessmen, nurses, teachers, and others who will do this work in His stead. The dedication of our lives is most important. Only after we have given ourselves do we give our material possessions.

It was the forceful Paul who confronted the Corinthians with the problems of the poor. Poverty is a sensitive subject that has caused people to justify their lack of concern by quotations as "the poor will always be with us." Some think that all poor are lazy, immoral, and unwilling to work. Prejudice often causes people to be blind to physical needs as well as spiritual needs. Jesus used the blind man who was stricken in poverty to demonstrate that God accepts the challenge and works to bring about a solution. Jesus got his hands dirty putting mud patches on his eyes. But the man was healed when he washed the mud plaster from his eyes. Rather than discuss the subject, lay blame, and point fingers at someone, Jesus

worked toward solving the problem. The practical plan that Paul suggested to collect the money at Jerusalem was good. (1) It was a way of demonstrating the unity of the church. The whole church of believers needed to feel obligated toward one another and responsible for the rest. (2) It was a way of putting into effect the practical teaching of Christianity. The converts could translate into action the teaching of Christ on the Christian virtue of love.

Paul's practical way of life with Jesus as Lord can be stated in five imperatives. They are like a commander's orders to his soldiers. The first four imperatives have military background. As a soldier, (1) be ever on the alert (2) when under attack, stand fast in the faith and do not yield an inch. (3) In time of battle, play a hero's role. (4) Be strong as a well trained soldier to fight for your king. (5) Be a lover to those persons with the church when things and persons threaten the Christian faith from outside. The Christian needs to have courage which will never retreat and the love that will never fail.

Do you want to be a Samaritan? The most practical example of love and commitment in the Bible does not examine the theology of the helper. But we remember the way he offered help to the helpless. The Bible is clear in advocating help for the poor. In order to help others we must help ourselves — by understanding — and knowledge of persons who need help. Then we must give ourselves. Finally, we must give our material possessions. It is a joy to be unselfish in church with the material possessions that God has entrusted to our care.

That which is mine is thine, I will share.

Evelyn Blount Named WMU Youth Supervisor

BIRMINGHAM (BP) — Evelyn Blount of Atlanta, Ga., has been elected supervisor of the youth department of Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Miss Blount has been Action director for the Woman's Mission Union of Georgia. She begins her new duties May 15.

BRUSSELS, Belgium — A mission here has been constituted into the International Baptist Church and has made arrangements to purchase property for permanent worship facilities. The church was begun in April 1968 when Rudolph Wood, pastor of another congregation, began conducting afternoon services in the auditorium of a small Belgian Baptist church. As the size of the group increased, they moved first to a Reformed Church building, then to rented facilities. The contract on the latter expires this year. The new property will be about \$90,000 (U.S.), with \$85,000 provided by the SBC Foreign Mission Board. The congregation will pay the balance as well as the cost of renovation. The property is situated in a residential section convenient to the constituency and public transportation. Southern Baptist missionary Charles P. Long assumed pastoral duties at the church in January.

Two Deans Named At Oklahoma University

SHAWNEE, Okla. (BP) — Two new academic deans have been appointed at Oklahoma Baptist University here. James D. Woodward, associate professor of music at the Baptist school, has been selected as fine arts dean; while William R. Mitchell, associate professor of English, has been named dean of arts and sciences. Both appointments become effective June 1, 1973, according to William G. Tanner, president of the Baptist school.

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Devotional

From Darkness To Light

By Larry Fields, Pastor, First, Summit

Last year I officiated for a number of football games. One particular Friday night I was the head linesman at the South Vicksburg-Natchez game in Natchez. Early in the second quarter I called a "pass interference" penalty on South Vicksburg. The North Natchez Coach told me it was a good call, but his counterpart on the other side of the field asked me if I were blind. Late in the game I threw another red flag because the North Natchez end was offside. This time the North Natchez coach called out and said, "You missed that one, ref," while the South Vicksburg coach waved his hand as if to say, "You were right that time."

I see the same thing happening in life. We don't like to be reminded of our mistakes and shortcomings. As long as others agree with our opinions or don't remind us of our sins, we are easy to get along with. But when someone disagrees or calls attention to our shortcomings, there is friction.

Jesus could have been quite popular with the religious leaders of his day. He could have gone along with their cold formalism, their emphasis on the law, their disregard for the uneducated, the spiritually ignorant, the outcasts and the down-trodden.

Yes, he could have. But he didn't. He chose God's way and God's way was to "tell it like it was." As a result, he became so unpopular and was so hated by the scribes and Pharisees that they eventually crucified him on the trumped-up charge of blasphemy.

As Christian people, we should be people of the light and not of the darkness. John wrote, "And this is the judgment, that the light is come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the light; for their works were evil. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, and cometh not to the light, lest his works should be reproved. But he that doeth the truth cometh to the light, that his works may be made manifest, that they have been wrought in God" (John 3:19-21).

When a sermon, a Bible passage, another person or our own conscience causes a tinge of guilt feeling, don't protest, deny it, or try to cover it up. Be thankful. That's God's light moving in to get rid of the darkness in your heart.

Annuity Board Sponsors First Conference For Annuitants

DALLAS — The Southern Baptist Convention Annuity Board will this year sponsor its first conferences for annuitants. One will take place in Ridgecrest, N. C., the other in Glorieta, N. M.

Darold H. Morgan, Dallas, Annuity Board president, announced the dates as May 7-12 at the Baptist Conference Center in Ridgecrest and Sept. 10-15 at the Baptist Conference Center in Glorieta.

Kermit E. Whiteaker, Dallas, vice-president in charge of retirement guidance for the Board, will direct both conferences.

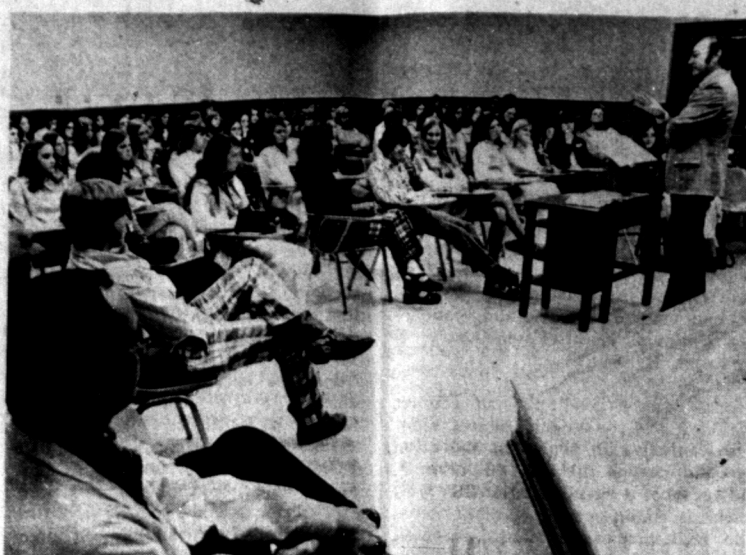
According to Whiteaker, the number of participants will be limited to 150 at Ridgecrest and to 100 at Glorieta. Those attending will be retired and denominational workers, or their widows.

While conferences for Baptist retired people have been held numbers of times, these are the first conferences planned solely for those drawing benefits from the Annuity Board.

Theme for the two conferences, Whiteaker said, will be "The Abundant Days." Annuitants will be used as much as possible as program personalities.

Among those leading the Ridgecrest conference will be J. D. Grey, retired pastor of First Church, New Orleans; J. Winston Pearce, Buies Creek, N. C., retired seminary professor and pastor; and Horace G. Hammett, Columbia, S. C., retired executive secretary, South Carolina Baptist Convention.

White - washing the pump will not purify the water.



Carey's Call '73 Huge Success

Over 225 students from all over Mississippi, south Alabama and north Florida, as well as Louisiana, shared a dynamic adventure in the exploration of Christian vocations April 7 and 8 on the William Carey campus. Leading the opening session above was Dr. Jack Daniels of the counseling and guidance department at the University of Southern Mississippi who introduced the concept of a "Christian Call." Seventeen Christian vocational specialists then assumed leadership in dialogue sessions throughout the day.

POW's Reliance On Prayer Affirms U. S. Religious Heritage

WASHINGTON, D. C. — "Statements from returning Prisoners of War prove that religion is not dead, it is alive and well," states Kenneth L. Hansen, Executive Vice President of Religious Heritage of America, Inc.

Taking note of the number of returned POW's who have testified that their faith in God helped them survive their years in prison camps of North Vietnam, the dynamic young Mr. Hansen says, "Once again we have proof that faith in God is an important part of our lives."

"Many of the returnees have affirmed a close, personal communion with God — a renewal of faith. They experienced a spontaneous need for worship services, choirs and Scripture study. Their favorite hymns were 'In The Garden', 'You'll Never Walk Alone', 'What A Friend We Have In Jesus' and 'Holy, Holy, Holy'."

"In their most trying hours of loneliness and pain, it is significant that these men turned to a source of strength and confidence outside themselves. The men reconstructed whole passages of Scripture from memory, and memorized favorite por-

tions, such as the Beatitudes, Romans 12 and I Corinthians 13."

Currently involved in plans for the 23rd annual Religious Heritage of America Awards Ceremonies and Leadership Conference which honors outstanding Americans who have made significant contributions to the religious life of the country, Mr. Hansen sees the testimonies of the returned POW's as yet another indication that the preservation of America's rich and diverse religious heritage, and its broader application to all areas of American life is of utmost importance.

Religious Heritage of America, Inc., an inter-faith, non-profit organization, is dedicated to this ideal. Says Mr. Hansen, "Through our awards program, as well as other national programs we conduct, we hope to strengthen and enrich our nation — to preserve those principles our ancestors fought for and to unify all the peoples of our country, while honoring the diverse religious plurality that is fundamental to our way of life in America."

A thirty per cent Christian cannot be a hundred per cent American.

Special Spots Prepared For National Radio Month In May

If radio had been around in 1789, George Washington would have known immediately that the Electoral College had named him President of the United States. The 11 states and surrounding territories would have been informed in a few hours.

As it was, it took eight days for the first President to learn of his election — and months before all the states and surrounding territories had the news.

The Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, in observance of National Radio Month in May, is distributing these facts, and more, in a series of 30 and 60-second spot announcements. The spots, on 7-inch discs, will be distributed free to all radio stations requesting them.

"We prepared a similar set of radio spots for use during Radio Month last year and received requests from 1600 stations," said Dr. Paul M. Stevens, president of the Commission. "We feel the response to our offer will be as great, if not greater this year. The discs will be mailed around April 15 to insure use throughout the month of May."

"Radio Free America" is the theme of this year's spots. In one, the public is reminded, "Today, the whole world can follow election returns on radio and know the results, even before they are made official." Another cites news stories heard on radio before newspaper special editions reach the streets and before filmed reports can be processed.

One announcement states that the best things — fresh air, pure water — are not always free but reminds that radio brings free information and entertainment, free weather and traffic reports, and is free to present

W. Laurel Plans Armon Brewer Day

Homecoming and "Armon Brewer Day" will be held April 29, at West Laurel Church. The purpose of "Armon Brewer Day" will be to raise \$10,000 toward the purchase of a new Rogers Organ. Armon Brewer is the organist at West Laurel Church and has been for the past 20 years.

Former Minister of Music, Troy Sandifer will be leading the music for the morning service. The present pastor, Rev. D. J. Benson, will bring the morning message. Former members and all friends are invited. Lunch will be served in the new activities building.

both sides of any controversial subject.

"Radio goes everywhere," said Dr. Stevens. "It goes into a prison cell, penetrates the far reaches of outer space and visits a sick room or a classroom. The Radio and Television Commission has programs on more than 2,500 radio stations around the world and those programs receive almost 50 tons of mail response each year."

For further information, contact the Marketing Department, Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, P. O. Box 12157, Fort Worth, Texas 76112.

Southern Professor To Direct Dawson Studies At Baylor

WACO, Tex. — Dr. James Leo Garrett Jr., professor of Christian theology at Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville, Ky., has been named director of the J. M. Dawson Studies in Church and State at Baylor University.

Founded in 1957, the Dawson Studies program embraces the Departments of History, Political Science and Religion with the purpose of stimulating academic interest and encouraging research in the broad area of church and state.

The program gives particular attention to the problems of religious liberty and interfaith relations. Aspects of the Dawson studies include a graduate degree program in church-state, an annual lectureship, the J. M. Dawson Church-State Research Center and publication of the Journal of Church and State three times a year.

Graduates of the degree program receive a master of arts degree in church-state studies.

The program is named for Dr. Joseph Martin Dawson, a distinguished alumnus of Baylor, pastor and preacher, the first executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs and a noted author on the separation of church and state.

Dawson, who now lives in Corsicana, baptized Garrett and ordained him as a minister.



Pre-Easter Observance At Poplar Springs Drive

Rev. James A. Ruffin, (left) pastor, Poplar Springs Drive Church, Meridian, and Dr. James D. Downey, professor of music at William Carey College, and interim minister of music for the church, presented a special program during an observance of the Lord's Supper at the evening service April 15.

The service was a series of meditations in sermon and song. The first meditation was "The Cross"—with the Church Choir singing the anthem "For This He Came" and various hymns on the cross.

The second meditation, "This Do In Remembrance of Me," was led by Pastor Ruffin. This message was concerning the elements of the Lord's Supper—the bread and the fruit of the vine—and the significance of the supper in the Christian life. The deacons served the elements. The choir provided background music.

The final meditation of the three was another hymn "See the Man of Sorrows Now," by the Church Choir. This depicted the glory of the resurrection.

Special lighting effects were arranged by Joe Saxon and Wade Clark.

Carey Again Offers Summer "Free-Throw"

William Carey College will again this summer offer "Free-Throw", a special academic program for high school juniors who want to be exposed to college life for one or two 5-week sessions.

According to Academic Vice-president J. M. Ernest, Free-Throw will enroll 11th grade students with an overall average of C or above and/or a satisfactory ACT score. Students will have free tuition and their grades will be recorded permanently if they so desire at the time they enter college. Those who attend Carey for one full year upon graduation will have the tuition waived while those wishing to have the credits transferred to another college will pay the regular tuition charge when the grades are recorded. "Students cannot lose in this program," commented Dr. Ernest. "If their grades are poor and they do not wish them recorded, then they will not have lost anything and will have gained some valuable experience on college level."

Some students are expected to do so well in the Free-Throw program, as many did last summer, that they

will elect to remain in college and not complete their senior year in high school. Only those of exceptional ability, however, will be allowed to do this.

Dr. Jerry Oswalt of the Carey faculty has been named in charge of Free-Throw '73 and all inquiries should be addressed to him.

REVIVAL RESULTS

Peach Creek, Sardis: April 13-15; Rev. William "Scooter" Spears, evangelist, and Lloyd Lunceford, singer, both from Delta State; Rev. Charles Everett, pastor; three professions of faith; one addition by letter; several rededications.

Scooba Church: April 8-13; Rev. Jack Winscott, pastor; Tommy and Diane Winders of Tupelo, evangelists; 50 total decisions; 18 professions of faith.

A loose tongue often gets its owner into a tight place.

Southern Baptists Top Support For Bible Society

NEW YORK (BP) — Southern Baptist gave \$233,752 to the support of the American Bible Society during 1972, an amount almost double that given by the next highest denomination, the Bible Society's annual report indicated here.

Southern Baptist contributions to the Bible Society for 1972 decreased, however, compared to 1971 gifts, by almost \$6,500, according to the report prepared by John D. Erickson, executive secretary for church relations of the American Bible Society.

With about 70 denominations reporting, 40 of the denominations decreased their support of the American Bible Society last year, according to Erickson. Overall income from churches increased by \$75,168 to a total of \$1.3 million for the year, the report indicated.

The \$322,752 given by Southern Baptists was the most from any one denomination. United Methodists and United Presbyterian were second and third in total gifts to the Bible Society, with more than \$111,000 each.

Trussell To Work With Alabama Baptist Convention

Warren Trussell has resigned his position with First Church, Columbus, to move to Alabama.

He leaves First Church staff to accept the position of consultant in the Church Training Department of the Alabama Baptist Convention in Montgomery. His family, wife Sarah and children Charles and Melanie, will remain in Columbus until the close of the school semester.

He has served in Columbus for eight years, with two pastors, Dr. S. R. Woodson and the present pastor, Dr. Robert Truluck. During those years he has carried the responsibility of the education program, and administration of the church. He also oversaw the remodeling of the church building in 1971, and was responsible for planning and equipping the remodeled education building.

Mr. Trussell is now serving as President of the Columbus Downtown Lions Club, as clerk of the Lowndes County Baptist Association, and as a member of the Pioneer Mission Committee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.



Panola Association Breaks Ground

Panola County Association broke ground for their new Baptist Center and office Sunday April 15. The new building is to be called Panola Baptist Center and will be located on highway 51 just south of the North Batesville Church in Batesville. Actual construction of the building is to begin immediately and be completed in about two months, depending upon the weather conditions.

Provided in the Center will be office space for the Superintendent of Missions, G. E. Jolley, a large room for the secretary and receptionist, a room for literature and library displays, a conference room which will accommodate about fifty people, a work and printing room, and rest rooms. The \$25,000 building will be all-electric with central heating and cooling.

Taking part in the groundbreaking service were people from several of the churches in Panola Association, the associational Missions and Building Committees, and most of the associational officers, some of whom are noted in the picture, Harry Carter, with shovel, is building committee chairman. To his right is G. E. Jolley, and on his right Rev. J. D. Joslin, Board member. On Mr. Carter's left is Dr. Johnny Spencer, vice-moderator, and on his left is Rev. Clyde Rogers, Missions Committee Chairman. Others seen in the picture are members of both committees and other interested church members.

F. W. Klyce and Company of Sardis are the contractors.

Book Stores Consolidate Film Centers With One In Jackson

NASHVILLE (BP)—Baptist Film Centers, currently located in 11 Baptist Book Stores, will consolidate their operation the first of May into five film centers located in Atlanta, Louisville, Jackson, Miss.; Charlotte, N.C.; and Arlington, Texas.

"These five locations were selected because they are in geographic areas easily accessible to the largest numbers of Baptist Film Center customers," said H. O. Thomason, director of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's Book Store Division.

"This consolidation decision is based on a 1971 survey which showed we can offer much better service this way," Thomason said.

Film rentals are expected to be processed as quick or quicker than before the consolidation, according to Thomason. The new centers will have sufficient films and equipment to handle the business this arrangement will bring them. A training seminar for film center operators and their managers will be offered to improve each center's service, he added.

"With this arrangement we will increase our film inventory while continuing to carry the same types of films," he continued. "We have reviewed our inventory and eliminated some of the least used materials while adding more popular selections."

Films can be ordered by mail, telephone, or a visit to the film center, Thomason said.

Off The Record

Our neighbor was asked what she thought of Red China and she said, "It's all right as long as it doesn't clash with the tablecloth."

Nothing gratifies a wife more than to see a double chin on her husband's old flame.

A little old lady muttered her final goodbyes to the minister who was leaving for another pastorate.

"I'm sorry you're going, she said, 'I never knew what sin was until you came here.'"

A friend of mine once tried his hand at farming, says if he ever says "Get up!" again to a mule, he'll be sitting in his lap!

A sure way to cure your husband is to love him, and stuffing some old socks in his mouth.

One thing about growing old; we won't feel our oats nearly as much as we will our corns.

Pain usually attacks in the weakest spot — which may explain why so many people have headaches.

A mother of thirteen children was asked: "How in the world do you have the time to care for thirteen?"

"Well," she replied, "When I had only one child it took all my time. What more can thirteen do?"

Hathorn To Celebrate Sixty-Sixth Year

Hathorn Church, Jeff Davis County, will celebrate sixty-six years with homecoming services on Sunday, May 6, at 10 a.m.

Christian Home Revival services will continue the week through May 11. This date coincides with the SBC Christian Home Week emphasis. Services will be at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Rev. Dennis Waldrop, pastor, Southside Church, Brandon, Florida, will be evangelist.

Music will be under direction of D. E. "Duke" Barnes, coach of Columbia High School. Area choirs and soloists will be featured.

Rev. Jesse Albritton, pastor, states that the theme of the week is "A Quest for Christian Homes."